

LPC UPDATE 5th January 2023

Please note this advice is up-to-date on 5th January 2023 - advice and updates are fast moving.

USEFUL LINKS:

[Community Pharmacy Arden – The Voice of Community Pharmacy in Coventry
\(coventryipc.co.uk\)](https://coventryipc.co.uk)

[HW LPC Website Home Page](#)

[PSNC Latest Updates](#)

[PSNC Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

Happy New Year all, we hope you had an enjoyable festive break... please let us know how the festive period went and any suggestions for improvements, including any recommendations for the bank holiday rotas moving forward.

SSPs and supplies of antibiotics for Strep A treatments

Serious Shortage Protocols

During the last week of December 2023, [DHSC issued eight Serious Shortage Protocols](#), which are still in force. These SSPs enable pharmacists, exercising their professional skill and judgement, to dispense different formulations against many Penicillin V (Pen V) prescriptions and, if another formation is unavailable, another antibiotic in an order of priority as listed in the relevant SSP.

[DHSC has published the SSPs and guidance on each SSP on the NHSBSA website.](#)

[Updates to the SSPs were issued on 23rd December.](#)

SSPs are part of contractors' Terms of Service and part of pharmacy practice (and thus should be covered by normal professional indemnity arrangements) and the RPS has published an [illustration \(note this was updated on 28th December\)](#) to assist supervising pharmacists in their decision-making on these SSPs. Of the eight SSPs, the first three involve formulation changes and are all similar, and the subsequent five involve dispensing an alternative antibiotic and again are all similar.

[Read our guidance on the points to consider when using SSPs for Penicillin V](#)

If you have any questions regarding this please contact us.

Reminder – the Extended Care Service PGDs

Please be reminded that the Extended Care PGD services will move to ICB in April 2023, so please make sure all pharmacies actively providing the service are aware. If your pharmacy is signed up and can no longer provide the



service then you need to give notice; there will be a lot of scrutiny over this as the service moves over. If you have any questions regarding this please contact us asap.



PQS reminders – Important dates and checklist briefing

PSNC have provided a helpful Briefing which provides a checklist of important dates for the CPCF which relate to services including the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS); COVID-19 Vaccination Service; Flu Vaccination Service; Hepatitis C Testing Service; Hypertension Case-Finding Service; New Medicine Service (NMS); and the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS).

It also highlights important dates for the 2022/23 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS), the contractual public health campaign and Terms of Service (ToS) requirements, as well as dates when relevant news stories have been published which highlight resources for these services/requirements. This Briefing is a 'live' document and will be updated as and when announcements and dates are confirmed.

New additions to the Briefing have been highlighted in red as 'NEW ADDITION TO THIS BRIEFING' and the 'Information and suggested action' boxes have been highlighted in grey to make it easier for contractors to see what additional information has been added:

[PSNC Briefing 037/22: CPCF services, PQS and Terms of Service – Important dates and checklist \(v4\) - PSNC Website](#)

Waste management

Community pharmacy contractors are obliged to accept back unwanted medicines from patients including controlled drugs and inhalers for incineration or recycling. For further information please see the following link: [Disposal of unwanted medicines - PSNC Website](#)

Reminder: [Anenta](#) handle all clinical waste queries for NHS England and NHS Improvement Midlands Region (excluding Covid waste) from all Community Pharmacies and GP sites.

You can contact Anenta through the following means:

Telephone: 03301 222 143

Email: support@anenta.com

Support Ticket: www.vector.anenta.com

Controlled drugs reporting/recording:

[Signin \(cdreporting.co.uk\)](http://cdreporting.co.uk)

[Controlled Drugs Guidance – Community Pharmacy Herefordshire & Worcestershire \(hwlpcc.co.uk\)](http://hwlpcc.co.uk)

This is the site to:

- Report an incident relating to controlled drugs
- Report a concern relating to controlled drugs
- Complete a controlled drug declaration
- Apply to be a temporary authorised witness to witness the destruction of controlled drugs



- Record controlled drugs that have been destroyed



Change in distribution mechanism of Transitional Payments from December 2022

From December 2022, there was a change in how funding for Transitional Payments are allocated and distributed to contractors.

Up until November 2022, the Transitional Payments are made up of a ‘Dispensing Payment’ and a ‘Service Payment’ which are of fixed equal values (value dependent on each contractor’s dispensing volume band).

To qualify for the Service Payment, contractors need to meet certain criteria such as providing at least 1 NMS in the previous dispensing month, and being registered to provide the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) for at least half the full days of the previous dispensing month.

From December 2022, the split of funding will be rebalanced towards the Service Payment and away from the Dispensing Payment. 25% of available funding for Transitional Payments will go into the Dispensing Payment, and continue to be linked to contractors’ dispensing volumes. Service Payments will make up 75% of available funding for Transitional Payments. This change was announced as part of the CPCF arrangements for 2022/23 and 2023/24.

The Dispensing Payment will continue to be a fixed value, dependent on each contractor’s dispensing volume band. The Service Payment will be a variable amount, calculated based on the total income received for advanced services provided (with some exclusions – see below).

See: [Joint letter to contractors from PSNC, DHSC and NHS England regarding CPCF arrangements for 2022/23 and 2023/24](#)

Calculation of Service Payment in December 2022 and beyond

The amount an individual contractor receives for their Service Payment will be calculated as a percentage of the contractor’s advanced service payments in the **previous month** (not including the Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Service, any set-up payments, or incentive payments for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service).

Contractors will also receive an additional **5%** of their advanced service payments in the previous month, if they were registered to provide CPCS for every day of the previous month.

DHSC and PSNC have agreed that for **December 2022**, the Service Payment will be equivalent to **63%** of the value of a contractor’s advanced service payments in **November 2022**. For contractors who were registered to provide CPCS for every full day in November, the December 2022 Service Payment will be the equivalent of **68%** of their advanced service payments in **November 2022** (i.e. the baseline 63% plus an additional 5%).

The full table outlining Transitional Payments for December 2022 is shown below:

Number of items per month	Monthly Dispensing Payment of the Transitional Payment from 1 December 2022	Monthly Services Payment of the Transitional Payment from 1 December 2022	
		All Contractors	Contractors registered for CPCS for whole of November 2022
0 – 100	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

101 – 2,500	£12.53	63% of contractor's total advanced services' payments in November 2022	5% of contractor's total advanced services' payments in November 2022
2,501 – 5,000	£146.01		
5,001 – 12,500	£184.24		
12,501 – 19,167	£199.69		
19,168+	£207.42		

The payments that will apply for months beyond December 2022 have not yet been determined, as these will be dependent on projections for the amount of advanced service payments made to contractors, and the amount of funding available to distribute. These payments will be calculated as soon as possible, in order to provide as much notice to contractors as possible.

Flat Payment (new)

From April 2023, a new flat payment will be made to all contractors dispensing at least 101 items per month. The total funding allocation for the flat payment will be £70m annually. The precise value of these payments has not yet been determined, however as an example, if 11,000 pharmacies were to qualify then the payments would be worth approximately £530 per month to contractors

Duty to keep DoS pharmacy profile up-to-date

Please be reminded to update, check or amend the information in your DoS profile through the [NHS Profile Manager](#)

You must **ensure that the DoS profile for your pharmacy is comprehensive and accurate**. Additionally contractors must **verify and, where necessary, update the information** contained within the pharmacy profile at least once each quarter of the financial year.

The NHS financial quarters are 1st April to 30th June, 1st July to 30th September, 1st October to 31st December and 1st January to 31st March.

Amending or verifying a pharmacy profile creates a record in the NHS Profile Manager which will act as evidence to NHS England that these actions have been undertaken. NHS Digital will prepare a report for NHS England of the contractors that have made a submission to the NHS Profile Manager each quarter, which will be used for contract management purposes.