

Deadline Tracker for April 2021

If you are part of a pharmacy group or multiple, please liaise with your company managers/head office.

Subject	Requirement	Deadline	Action and links	Tick when completed
New Advanced Service: The NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service	Pharmacy Income	To maximise the service income register before 23:59 on 18 th April 2021	<p>This service, which pharmacy contractors can choose to provide, aims to improve access to asymptomatic COVID-19 testing by making lateral flow device (LFD) test kits readily available at community pharmacies. The service is part of the NHS Test and Trace offering to the public and people will self-administer the tests away from the pharmacy, for example, at home. In NHS Test and Trace marketing and communications aimed at the public, the service will be referred to as Pharmacy Collect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on funding including set up fees can be found here. Information on how to enrol on the service and some FAQ can be found here. 	
Prescription Charge increase	Contractual Requirement	From 1 st April 2021	<p>In England, the NHS prescription charge will increase to £9.35 per prescription item from 1st April 2021.</p> <p>New Prescription Pre Payment Certificates (PPC) posters to display can be downloaded here.</p>	
Free Health Champion Training	Contractual Requirement		<p>The Health Education England (HEE) South East Schools of Public Health and the HEE South School of Pharmacy are working with the South East LPCs in offering fully funded Health Champion training provided by the award-winning HLP specialists Pharmacy Complete.</p> <p>Currently you can book and get trained up to three health champions per pharmacy.</p> <p>More info can be found on our website here.</p> <p>To book a training place register here.</p>	
Pandemic Delivery Service *Changes to the criteria *	Pharmacy Income	Only for people who need to self isolate until 23:59 on the 30th June 2021	<p>The Pandemic Delivery Service for clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) patients ends as off 31st March 2021. The end of the service follows advice from the Government that from tomorrow (1st April 2021) CEV patients are no longer required to shield; all CEV patients should have received a letter notifying them of this.</p> <p>Contractors are reminded that the Pandemic Delivery Service for <u>people who have been notified of the need to self-isolate</u> by NHS Test and Trace is still 'live' .</p> <p>More information can be found here.</p>	
Summary of new payments including claiming deadlines	Pharmacy Income Time Critical Action required	At different dates please follow the summary to make claims	<p>Several new service payments for community pharmacy contractors have been announced in recent months which includes CPCS GP referral pathways, Pandemic Delivery Service, Covid 19 Vaccinations and Hepatitis C testing service.</p> <p>A summary of it can be found here.</p>	

Update on 2021/22 Flu Vaccine ordering	Pharmacy Service Income		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have issued a letter to provide advice on ordering appropriate flu vaccines for the 2021/22 season. More information can be found here. NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has reported in its Primary Care Bulletin that 50 to 64-year-olds are expected to be included as an eligible cohort for the 2021/22 flu vaccination season. The flu vaccination reimbursement letter issued earlier this year is currently being updated to reflect the inclusion of the cohort and will be republished imminently. More info can be found here. 	
Consultation on regulation of healthcare professionals	Good Practice and vital to respond	By 12:15 am on the 16 th June 2021	<p>The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has launched a consultation on proposals to reform the regulation of healthcare professionals in the UK, including pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. The proposed reforms aim to protect the public and registrants' rights, enable the system to respond to changing workforce developments, and simplify overly detailed legislation where possible. They have been developed in partnership with the professional regulator bodies.</p> <p>Read the proposals and respond to the consultation</p>	
Completion of PQS 2 work for 2020-21	Pharmacy Income	Till 30 th June 2021	<p>The PQS claiming window is now closed however there was an extension agreed to complete some of the domains to help community pharmacies release some capacity. Contractors are reminded to ensure any domains they have claimed for yet still need to fulfil the criteria, to do so before the deadline. Failing to do so, will result in reclaiming of the PQS payment from NHS BSA.</p> <p>More info can be found here.</p>	
Below are all the deadlines waived or deferred due to COVID-19 Pandemic to allow pharmacy professionals to focus on front line clinical care				
Data Security and Protection Toolkit Information Governance (IG) Submission 2020/21	Contractual Requirement	By 30 th June 2021	<p>It has been confirmed that no action will be taken against contractors who have not completed the Data Security and Protection toolkit for 2019/20, provided they are working to complete the toolkit for 2020/21.</p> <p>More information on how to complete can be found here.</p>	

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