



Supporting and Fighting for Pharmacy

Campaign Update – Judicial Review

The High Court will now consider PSNC's Judicial Review of the Secretary of State's October decision to implement cuts to community pharmacy funding in the week commencing 20th March 2017, alongside a case from the National Pharmacy Association.

PSNC was granted leave, or permission, for a Judicial Review just before Christmas, and this was originally scheduled to be heard in the week commencing 6th February 2017.

But now that the National Pharmacy Association has also applied for leave for Judicial Review of the Secretary of State's decision, the two cases will be heard together. The March timing gives the Department of Health (DH) and its legal team time to prepare for both of the cases.

PSNC sought permission from the High Court to apply for the Judicial Review in December, on the grounds that it believes the Secretary of State failed to carry out a lawful consultation on the proposals for community pharmacy.

The NPA's case is focused on arguments that the Secretary of State failed to properly discharge his Public Sector Equality Duties and failed to appreciate community pharmacy's wider healthcare role.

To read more about PSNC's application for leave for a Judicial Review, please click here: <http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/psnc-seeks-judicial-review-of-consultation-on-community-pharmacy/>

Quality Payments Scheme

We know you have all been busy registering for NHS Mail, updating your NHS Choices, doing your Dementia Friends and Safeguarding training online etc. We know there are a few hoops to jump through for everyone to get their hands on some extra cash, but as far as we can tell you're all doing great! Here are a few updates on some of the criteria and a

reminder of what you need to have in place by 28th April 2017 in order to achieve as many points as possible:

By Friday 28th April 2017

ALL FOUR 'GATEWAY CRITERIA' MUST BE IN PLACE BEFORE YOU CAN QUALIFY TO RECEIVE A SINGLE PENNY – THESE DO NOT ATTRACT POINTS BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MEET THEM BEFORE YOU CAN START CLAIMING POINTS VIA THE 'QUALITY PAYMENT CRITERIA'!

The Gateway criteria:



To be eligible to collect the points necessary to claim the Quality Payment, the contractor must meet ALL FOUR gateway criteria:

- provision of at least one specified Advanced Service: MUR, NMS or registered to provide NUMSAS (officially via NHSBSA)
- have their NHS Choices entry up to date and 'validated' after 7th February 2017 and again after 1st May 2017
- have the ability for staff to send and receive NHS mail via a shared mailbox; and
- ongoing utilisation of the Electronic Prescription Service with EPS Release 2 enabled.

Contractors passing the gateway criteria will only receive a Quality Payment if they meet one or more of the EIGHT criteria which attract points. Meeting the gateway criteria will not, in itself, attract a Quality Payment; it is subject to how many of the quality criteria the contractor meets.

Quality Payment criteria:



Dementia Friends
An Alzheimer's Society initiative



Contractors passing the gateway criteria will receive a Quality Payment if they meet one or more of the EIGHT criteria specified. DH has weighted these based on an assessment of the difficulty of achieving them and the benefit to patients for doing so, with each criterion being designated a number of points.

And to achieve maximum points, the following FIVE criteria (or as many as you can manage) need to be in place by Friday 28th April 2017, as these attract points at both review points:

- 80% of registered pharmacy professionals have achieved level 2 safeguarding status for children and vulnerable adults within the last two years (5 points available at each review – total 10 points)
- Demonstration of having accessed the Summary Care Record and increase in access since the last review point (5 points available at each review – total 10 points)
- Asthma patients dispensed more than 6 short acting bronchodilator inhalers without any corticosteroid inhaler within a 6-month period are referred to an appropriate health care professional for an asthma review (10 points available at each review – total 20 points)
- 80% of all pharmacy staff working in patient facing roles are trained 'Dementia Friends' (5 points available at each review – total 10 points)
- NHS111 Directory of Services entry up to date at review point (2.5 points available at each review – total 5 points) ***please note guidance has not as yet been issued on how to achieve this criterion but as always, we will let you know once it has been!***

If you do not manage to have all of these in place by this date, you can still claim for half the points value for each criteria at 24th November 2017, if you have achieved by this date (but bear in mind you will lose out on some cash!).

PLEASE read our weekly email updates to see further information and advice on what constitutes meeting each criteria – new guidance is being issued on an ongoing basis by NHS England/PSNC, so it's important to keep up to date!

TO SUM UP: you need to meet ALL FOUR gateway criteria, together with all FIVE (or as many as you can) of the above quality payment criteria before 28th April 2017.

We have just focussed above on the criteria which need to be in place at both review points in order to gain maximum points but you can of course also claim for the 'one review point only' criteria (such as the written safety report) at 28th April 2017 if you have achieved it by this date, as these can be claimed for at either review point.

By Friday 24th November 2017

Then by the second review point, you need to have these THREE criteria in place (as well as the other initial five):

- Production of a written report that demonstrates evidence of analysis, learning and action taken in response to near misses and patient safety incidents, including implementation of national patient safety alerts and having shared learning (20 points)
- Results of patient experience survey from the last 12 months published on the pharmacy's NHS Choices page (5 points)
- Healthy Living Pharmacy level 1 (self-assessment) (20 points)



Of all the criteria to be achieved, the Healthy Living Pharmacy level 1 is undoubtedly the most demanding and time consuming criterion to achieve but we do feel that it is also a very important one – as in our opinion it may well become a prerequisite for pharmacies in the future. So with this in mind, we will be releasing our training dates on Friday 3rd March 2017 in our Weekly Update email – so please remember to look out for these – as places will be first come, first served. We have commissioned Numark to provide this training at five venues around North Yorkshire and we are calling it 'HLP in a box' – both your leader and champion/s can be trained on the same day where possible!

Action for Contractors

- Please review the four GATEWAY criteria to check you have these all covered
- Check that you are on course to achieve as many of the five QUALITY PAYMENT criteria in time for the first review at 28th April 2017
- And please make sure you read ALL weekly updates from us so you do not miss any advice/training dates issued!

LAST PAPER COPY OF NEWSLETTER

Saving the Environment (and Money!)

This is the last newsletter that will be sent out to all pharmacies in paper copy format. When the next edition is published in April, we will only provide a link to the online version. This can be printed out for all staff to read. However, we appreciate that some of you may prefer to receive a hard copy, so you can 'opt in' to continue to receive it this way by emailing us.

Action for Contractors

- Email laura.smart@cpny.co.uk if you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of this newsletter

Flu Vaccination Programme 2016/17

Locally.....

Flu season is nearly over now but the number of flu vaccinations undertaken by North Yorkshire community pharmacists, under the national NHS service, has reached 11,207 so far (as at 17th February 2017). Last year's end of season total was 6,954....so this is a huge achievement that everyone should be proud of!

Nationally.....

Community pharmacists in 7,195 pharmacies across England provided 595,467 flu vaccinations to patients under the national NHS Flu Vaccination Service in 2015/16.

Nationwide, this year, community pharmacy has massively improved on last year's total.....the number of vaccines administered has already reached 813,392 (as at 20th February 2017) and this represents a significant 36% increase overall.

Provision of Public Health Services – YORTender Sign Up (NYCC only)



If you have not done so already, please sign up before the **deadline of 28th February 2017.**

As you will be aware, the current Approved Provider List for Primary Care Services is due to expire on 31st March 2017.

Therefore, if your Pharmacy wishes to continue to provide these services, you will be required to apply to join the new Approved Provider List that will come into effect on the 1st April 2017.

The Services commissioned through the Approved Provider List are:

- Needle and Syringe Programme and Harm Reduction Service
- Supervised Consumption
- Community Pharmacy Falls Prevention Service
- NYCC Employee Flu Vaccination Service
- Targeted Primary Care Sexual Health Service
- Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice (IBA)

If your pharmacy wishes to continue to provide these services, you MUST apply to join the new Approved Provider List by 28th February 2017. The process will be managed via the YORTender system (www.yortender.co.uk) and will involve the completion of a Business Questionnaire. This, along with the service specifications and Public Health Services Contract is now available on the YORTender system.

Click on this link <http://cpny.co.uk/resources/nycc-approved-provider-list-from-1st-april-2017/> for a step by step process for Applying to the Primary Care Approved Provider List – the contract reference on YORTender for the Community Pharmacy List is DN230587.

Action for Contractors

- Register your details/complete questionnaire via YORTender

Falls Prevention Service – Final Training Sessions (NYCC only)



The new Falls Prevention Service commissioned by NYCC has been very well received, with a very high percentage of you signing up and we have received some great feedback about the quality of the training provided by Numark. Due to demand, two final training sessions will be held as follows:

Session 1

Date: Tuesday 28th Feb 2017

Location: Parsonage Hotel, York Rd, Escrick, York, YO19 6EY

Time: 7pm - 9pm (food available from 6.30pm onwards)

Session 2

Date: Wednesday 1st March 2017

Location: Pavilions of Harrogate, Harrogate, HG2 8QZ

Time: 7pm - 9pm (food available from 6.30pm onwards)

Please note: these places are limited and already half filled with those on the 'reserve list' so book your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment by emailing: service.development@numark-central.co.uk with your name, contact number and which session you wish to attend, and they will call you to confirm your booking.

For those of you who have already attended the training, a list of FAQs has since been put together to answer a few of the queries raised during the sessions, click here to read: <http://cpny.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/53/2016/01/FAQs-from-Falls-Prevention-Training.pdf>

Please click here to view the SLA: <http://cpny.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/53/2016/01/Falls-Prevention-Service-Specification-Final.pdf>

Note: to deliver this service, your pharmacy must have re-signed up to be an approved provider via the Council's YORtender system (details on page 3).

Action for Contractors

- View Falls Prevention service SLA/Book training place

Future CPNY Meeting Dates

Any contractor that wishes to attend any meeting is invited to do so. If you do wish to attend one of the meetings, arrange this by contacting either your assigned buddy from the Committee or Laura Smart (Engagement Officer) at laura.smart@cpny.co.uk. We can then amend any agenda to address any issues you feel should be raised at the time.

Committee Meeting Dates:

Time	Day	Date	Venue
12pm	Thursday	16 th March 2017	The Catalyst, York Science Park
2pm	Thursday	18 th May 2017	AGM – venue to be confirmed
12pm	Thursday	20 th July 2017	The Catalyst, York Science Park – AGM
12pm	Thursday	5 th October 2017	The Catalyst, York Science Park

Contractor Communication

CPNY urges all contractors to keep up to date with all the latest news by regularly checking our updated website frequently <http://cpny.co.uk/>.

Keeping Us Informed

We endeavour to keep our database up to date with your names/email addresses so that all important information and opportunities reach all of our contractors. We would therefore be grateful if you could let us know if you move to another pharmacy and/or new members of staff join you who would benefit from being on our mailing list and receiving our weekly email updates. Thank you!

Actions for Contractors	Complete (tick)
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