

20th January 2022

The Pharmacy Manager

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Dear Pharmacy Contractor,

According to our records your pharmacy was providing the Inhaler Check-up Service on behalf of Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). You will remember that the service was paused in March 2020 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We are pleased to be able to tell you that, with agreement from the CCG, this service will now recommence **from Monday 24th January 2022**. We hope that this means that you will begin participating again when you are ready to do so.

For your information, although NHS Leeds CCG is commissioning and funding this service, Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire is supporting the CCG with the project management of this service which is why this letter has been sent by us.

To ensure that the Inhaler Check-up Service remains COVID secure, a number of changes have been made to the [Service Specification](#) via [a Contract Variation](#) and the key changes are set out below:

- The service can be provided remotely (via telephone, another live audio link or live video link). Remote consultations with patients should take place in circumstances where the conversation cannot be overheard.
- The use of an In-check Device to check the patient's peak inspiratory flow rate is now optional. Instead, Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire has put links on [our website](#) to two updated training presentations, one of which contains an alternative method for checking a patient's inspiratory flow rate. These videos can also be found below.
 - [Inhaler Check-up Service: Training Presentation - Updated December 2021](#)
 - [Inhaler Check-up Service: Device Refresher Presentation – Updated December 2021](#)

We also recommend that prior to recommencing the service the pharmacy reviews their internal processes and identifies if an updated risk assessment for delivery of the Inhaler Check-up Service is required.

The fees for this service remain as they were previously, £10 + VAT for the initial consultation and £7+ VAT for the follow-up consultation.

The personnel able to deliver this service in the pharmacy remains unchanged.

The training requirements for the service have been amended to ensure that they are in line with the inhaler check technique requirements of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) i.e. that the current version of the CPPE [e-Assessment](#) has been passed following completion of either the [CPPE Inhaler Technique for Health Professionals: Getting it Right e-Learning](#) or attending a CPPE face-to-face or online Inhaler Technique Workshop. For the provision of the Leeds CCG commissioned Inhaler Check-up Service, all pharmacy professionals (not just the pharmacist) who will be delivering this service must meet these training requirements. The requirement to have also completed the CPPE Declaration of Competence (DoC) for Improving Inhaler Technique still stands and those pharmacy professionals who have previously completed the DoC are reminded that it needs to be revisited at least once every **two years**.

If you wish to recommence the provision of the service, you do not need to let us know but the commissioner of this service, Leeds CCG, does need to see value for money for the service and so we would encourage as many pharmacies as possible to start providing it again soon. We will be sending out new contracts to those pharmacies who have started to provide the service again at the start of the 2022/23 financial year.

Yours sincerely,



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