

Contract Variation Agreement – Inhaler Check-up Service

Locally Commissioned Community Pharmacy Service

Date of Variation Agreement: 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2023

The following variations are to be reflected in the NHS Leeds CCG

[Inhaler Check-up Service Specification:](#)

- **Amendment to the service description. Section 1 p2:**

This service will be provided in the pharmacy's consultation room, remotely (via telephone, another live audio link or live video link) or in the patient's home.

If provided remotely, the pharmacy contractor must ensure that a suitable method of delivery is available, as described in the following paper: [Taskforce for Lung Health position paper on optimising inhaler technique remotely.](#)

Remote consultations with patients should take place in circumstances where the conversation cannot be overheard.

- **Extension of the duration period. Section 2.1 p2:**

This agreement will take effect from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023.

- **Amendment to section 3.1 “premises” p2 to allow for the service to be delivered remotely:**

*The contractor must have a consultation room at the pharmacy which meets the requirements as specified for the Advanced Service – New Medicine Service. **

**(If NHSE&I have issued an exemption/agreed that the pharmacy premises are too small for a consultation room then the contractor can instead provide the service remotely or at the patient's home).*

This service will be provided in the pharmacy's consultation room, remotely (via telephone, another live audio link or live video link) or in the patient's home, where this is requested by the patient.

If provided remotely, the pharmacy contractor must ensure that a suitable method of delivery is available, as described in the following paper: [Taskforce for Lung Health position paper on optimising inhaler technique remotely.](#)

Remote consultations with patients should take place in circumstances where the conversation cannot be overheard.

- **Amendment to section 4.2, p3.**

Removal of eligibility criteria, “are able to attend the pharmacy for both consultations”.

- **Removal of bullet 4.3 “the service” p3 – MURs no longer commissioned.**

The variation takes effect on 1 April 2020

- **Amendment to section 4.8 & 4.16 “the service” p3-4 to allow for the service to be delivered remotely:**

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If provided remotely, the pharmacy contractor must ensure that a suitable method of delivery is available, as described in the following paper: Taskforce for Lung Health position paper on optimising inhaler technique remotely.

Remote consultations with patients should take place in circumstances where the conversation cannot be overheard.

- **Amendment to section 4.9 “the service” p4 (initial consultation) to allow optional use of In-Check device:**

The pharmacist/technician shall review the ACT/CAT score to see how well controlled the condition is. The patient’s technique should, if appropriate, be further assessed using the In-Check device or other suitable method which assesses inspiratory flow.

- **Amendment to bullet 4.11 “the service” p4 – Replace MUR with NMS.**

- **Amendment to bullet 6.5 “payment” p5:**

Where the service was carried out alongside a NMS then the pharmacy can also claim a NMS fee in line with the NHS Contractual Framework. When an NMS is claimed the pharmacy is responsible for ensuring that the consultation undertaken meets all the requirements specified for the NMS service”.

- **Amendment to paragraph 7, “staff”, p6, bullet 7.1.1:**

Removal of the requirement to have attended face to face training in the last 3 years.

Replaced with:

All pharmacists/pharmacy technicians providing inhaler checks must have satisfactorily completed the [CPPE inhaler technique for health professionals: getting it right](#) e-learning or attended a CPPE face-to-face or online inhaler technique workshop and passed the [e-assessment](#).

The e-assessment must be completed (and passed) by the pharmacist/pharmacy technician before providing the inhaler check-up service. (Note, the current version of the [Inhaler technique for health professionals e-assessment](#), which was updated on 15 April 2020, must be completed. The previous version of the CPPE e-assessment, Inhaler technique, does not meet the requirements).

For the avoidance of doubt, pharmacists/technicians providing the service must have also completed the CPPE Declaration of Competence for Improving Inhaler Technique.