

**Only 5 Days to Go. Are you Ready to Deliver this Service?**

## Preparing to Provide the Discharge Medicines Service ACTION REQUIRED BY ALL CONTRACTORS

The Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) is a new **Essential Service** which all pharmacies must provide from **Monday 15th February 2021**. From this date, NHS Trusts will be able to digitally refer patients for provision of the DMS at their community pharmacy and contractors will be able to submit claims for payment for their activity.

Please see our [service summary](#) which includes information on funding, how referrals will be made and actions you need to take to prepare for the service.

Remember, the DMS builds on the work that has been undertaken as part of the Transfer of Care Around Medicines (TCAM) programme, referred to locally as Connect with Pharmacy. We are in a fantastic position in West Yorkshire as all our Hospital Trusts are live with Connect with Pharmacy and are therefore already enabled to send electronic referrals to community pharmacies via PharmOutcomes.

From the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Connect with Pharmacy will effectively change to reflect the requirements of the DMS and referrals must be actioned as described in the [NHSE&I guidance on the regulations](#), see chapter 8 – page 20.

***Please act now. Contractors need to be ready to deliver this service from next week.***

## Where to Find Out More About the Service

See PSNC DMS page [here](#) for further details and resources on the service.  
Also see the DMS frequently asked questions [here](#).

## Discharge Medicines Service Virtual Events

We are holding a number of virtual events for our West Yorkshire pharmacy teams on the DMS. These events are proving popular and the first event is now already fully booked. A second event has been scheduled for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7:30pm – 8:30pm. **If you would like to attend this event, please [book here](#) as soon as possible.**