

## The Discharge Medicines Service IMPORTANT UPDATE

You will no doubt be aware that the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) has commenced, and NHS Trusts can now digitally refer patients to a community pharmacy for provision of this new **Essential Service**.

We had expected that the PharmOutcomes platform for recording DMS activity would be live for the start of the service, (15<sup>th</sup> February), however, we have been informed that the platform is not yet available. We are liaising closely with Pinnacle to get this resolved as quickly as we can for contractors, but in the interim, contractors may want to use the paper based DMS worksheet, (produced by PSNC for contractors that do not have access to an IT system), to ensure the required clinical record/minimum data specification for the service is recorded.

The PSNC DMS worksheet can be downloaded here:

[DMS Worksheet \(Word Version\)](#)

[DMS Worksheet \(PDF\)](#)

Referrals will still be sent from our local Trusts via the PharmOutcomes platform; the same way that Connect with Pharmacy referrals were received. Referrals may also be received via NHSmail so it is important that contractors have a process in place to ensure that both the PharmOutcomes platform and the pharmacy NHSmail are checked for referrals at regular intervals throughout the day. 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.

### 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 several 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.**