The NHS Discharge Medicines Essential Service - *Bulletin 4*



The Discharge Medicines Service Update DMS PharmOutcomes Templates Now Live

You will be aware that the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) has commenced, and NHS Trusts can, (from the 15th February 2021), digitally refer patients to a community pharmacy for provision of this new **Essential Service**.

Following a short delay in the release of the DMS service templates on PharmOutcomes, we have now been informed that these are now live. The pharmacy follow up stage, which is linked to the hospital referral, now reflects the recording requirements for the DMS and can be used to record service provision.

For referrals received via NHSmail, these can be manually recorded on the nhs.net referral template.

A short video guide for community pharmacies is available via the link below:-

https://media.pharmoutcomes.org/video.php?name=DischargeMedicinesServiceManagingDMSRe ferrals

DMS referrals will still be sent from the local Trusts via the PharmOutcomes platform; the same way that Connect with Pharmacy referrals were previously 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 <u>service summary</u> 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 <u>here</u> for further details and resources on the service. Also see the DMS frequently asked questions <u>here</u>.

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 two events have been fully booked. A third event has now been scheduled for Thursday 4th March, 7:30pm – 8:30pm. **If you would like to attend this event, please** book here as soon as possible.