

Month at a Glance: PQS Action Plan

CHECKLIST FOR AUGUST 2023

Domain / Criteria	Action Required	Complete
Gateway	Check your number of New Medicines Service (NMS) recorded by NHSBSA. Pharmacies must complete 15 NMS between 1st April and 31st December 2023.	
Medicines Safety & Optimisation - High Risk Medicines – Anticoagulant Audit	Complete the revised Anticoagulant Audit , including notifying the patient's GP where concerns are identified, sharing their anonymised data with NHS England, and incorporating any learnings from the audit into future practice by the end of 31st March 2024.	
Respiratory - Inhaler Technique	Check Your Training! All pharmacists (carrying out NMS) completed, within the last four years, the CPPE Inhaler Technique for Health Professionals: Getting it Right e-Learning or attended a CPPE face-to-face Inhaler Technique Workshop and passed the Inhaler Technique for Health Professionals e-Assessment .	
Respiratory - Inhaler waste management	Check Your Training! All patient-facing pharmacy staff working at the pharmacy have been trained on the reasons why used, unwanted and expired inhalers should be returned to the pharmacy for safe disposal and the adverse effects on the environment when inhalers are disposed of in domestic waste.	
Prevention - Antimicrobial Stewardship	Check Your Training! All non-registered pharmacy staff must have satisfactorily completed, within the last three years, the Infection prevention and control Level 1 e-Learning and Assessment on the elfh website . All registered pharmacy professionals must have satisfactorily completed, within the last three years, the Infection Prevention and Control Level 2 e-Learning and Assessment on the elfh website . All patient-facing pharmacy staff that provide advice on medicines or healthcare must have satisfactorily completed, within the last three years, the Antimicrobial Stewardship for Community Pharmacy e-Learning and e-Assessment.	
Prevention - Antimicrobial Stewardship	Antibiotic Guardian Pledge - all patient-facing staff that provide advice on medicines or healthcare, working at the pharmacy on the day of the declaration should have become Antibiotic Guardians and have an awareness of the content of the local antibiotic formulary and how to access it.	
Prevention - Antimicrobial Stewardship	Check Your Training! Safe Disposal - All patient-facing pharmacy staff must have been trained on the reasons why unwanted and expired antibiotics should be returned to the pharmacy for safe disposal and the adverse effects on the environment and antimicrobial resistance when antibiotics are disposed of in domestic waste.	