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## Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2023/24:

### Bulletin 5 – Aspiration Payment, Medicines Safety & Optimisation Domain and Prevention Domain

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Details of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2023/24 are now available to read via the [NHSBSA website here](#) and additional PQS guidance provided by NHS England [here](#). To read our earlier editions of the **PQS Bulletins** and for an easy to follow, **Month at a Glance** guide to all the actions you will need to complete, see the our website [here](#).

#### Aspiration Payment Window

Contractors are able to claim their **PQS Aspiration Payment** between **09.00 on Monday 4th September 2023 and 23.59 on Friday 29th September 2023** through the [NHSBSA's MYS application](#). The Aspiration Payment is optional for pharmacy contractors, and not claiming it will not impact on the pharmacy contractor's ability to claim payment for the PQS 2023/24.

The Aspiration Payment for each domain is paid to the contractor on the understanding that the contractor will have made a declaration within the declaration period and that they will have completed the PQS 2023/24 before 23.59 on 31st March 2024. Further information can be found in section 8.3 of the [NHS England PQS Guidance](#).

#### Medicines Safety & Optimisation - High Risk Medicines – Anticoagulant Audit

The Medicines Safety & Optimisation Domain of the 2023/24 Pharmacy Quality Scheme requires the pharmacy to have completed the revised Oral Anticoagulants Audit ([see section 10.1 Oral Anticoagulant Safety Audit 2023/24](#)), including notifying the patient's GP where concerns are identified, sharing their anonymised data with NHS England, and incorporating any learning from the audit into future practice by the 31st March 2024.

The audit must be carried out over two weeks with a minimum of 15 patients, or four weeks if 15 patients are not achieved within two weeks, and there must be a follow up of any patient that is referred to their prescriber to identify what actions were taken. **Remember to record your start and finish dates, you will need them for your MYS application.**

A copy of the Audit Questionnaire has now been added to the CPWY website [here](#).

#### Medicines Safety & Optimisation - High Risk Medicines – Palliative Care

Update your [NHS Profile Manager](#) to show if your pharmacy is currently a 'Pharmacy Palliative Care Medication Stockholder' i.e. routinely hold the 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines.

For additional information about the local Palliative Care Service, please visit the CPWY website [here](#).

## Prevention - Antimicrobial Stewardship

In [PQS Bulletin 3](#), we reminded contractors that by 31st March 2024 they must have implemented into their day-to-day practice, the [recommendations for community pharmacy from the first TARGET antibiotic checklist review from the PQS 2021/22](#) found in the findings from the Antimicrobial Stewardship Initiatives Report.

Contractors should also review their current practice using the [TARGET Antibiotic Checklist](#) by the end of 31st March 2024 and carried out over four weeks with a **minimum of 25 patients**; or up to eight weeks if the minimum number of patients is not achieved within four weeks.

- [Treating your infection – Urinary Tract Infection \(UTI\)](#)
- [Treating your infection - Upper Respiratory Tract Infection \(RTI\)](#)

Community pharmacy contractors will be able to access the **NEW TARGET TYI Leaflet Data Collection Tool** via the [MYS portal](#). A printable data collection tool will also be available from the [NHSBSA website](#).

Prior to carrying out the data collection, contractors will need to familiarise themselves with the findings and recommendations published in the report from the data collection carried out in the 2022/23 PQS available [here](#).

This data collection must be completed by the end of 31st March 2024 and must be carried out over four weeks with a **minimum of 15 patients for each leaflet (UTI & RTI)**, or up to eight weeks if the minimum number of patients is not achieved within four weeks for each leaflet. The data from the leaflets must be submitted via the MYS data collection tool by the end of 31st March 2024. The contractor must enter the start and finish dates of the data collection period on the MYS application at the point of declaration (which may be different from the date data is first entered on the MYS portal).

If you have any questions, please contact Phil Wiles using email [phil@cpwy.org](mailto:phil@cpwy.org) or mobile 07793 218 060.

Kind regards,

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