
Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2023/24:

Bulletin 6 –Medicines Safety & Optimisation Domain, Prevention Domain and Respiratory Domain

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](#).

Gateway Criteria – Check your NMS Total

Contractors wishing to claim payments under the PQS must meet the Gateway Criteria which includes completing a minimum of 15 NMS between 1st April 2023 and by the end of 31st December 2023. For support with NMS visit the [CPWY NMS page](#) and for full details of the Gateway Criteria, read the [NHS England PQS Guidance](#).

Medicines Safety & Optimisation - High Risk Medicines – Palliative Care

Reminder - all pharmacies update or create an action plan to use when they do not have the required stock of the 16 critical medicines or parenteral haloperidol available for a patient.

For information about local Palliative Care Service, see the CPWY website [here](#) and details of the pharmacies providing the service would have been emailed to you prior to the last bank holiday. CPWY has also created an [Action Plan Template](#), available from our [PQS page](#).

Respiratory Domain - Inhaler Waste Management

The pharmacy must be able to evidence that they have spoken with all patients, their carer or representatives, for whom they have dispensed an inhaler between 1st June 2023 and the day of the declaration, about the environmental benefits of them returning all unwanted and used inhaler devices to a community pharmacy for disposal.

Use of a Spacer in Patients Aged 5-15 Years

The pharmacy must be able to evidence that between 1st June 2023 and the day of the declaration they have:

- Checked that all children aged 5 to 15 prescribed a press and breathe pressurised MDI for asthma have a spacer device, where appropriate.
- Referred children aged 5 to 15 with asthma to an appropriate healthcare professional where this is not the case.

Personalised Asthma Action Plans (PAAP)

The pharmacy must be able to evidence that they have checked that all patients aged 5 years and above dispensed an inhaler for asthma between 1st June 2023 and the day of the declaration, have a PAAP and show that pharmacy staff have referred all patients aged five years and above dispensed an inhaler for asthma between 1st June 2023 and the day of the declaration to an appropriate healthcare professional where this is not the case.

Referrals for Patients Using 3 or More Short-Acting Bronchodilator Inhalers within 6 months

The pharmacy must be able to evidence that between 1st June 2023 and the day of the declaration that patients with asthma, for whom three or more short-acting bronchodilator inhalers were dispensed without any corticosteroid inhaler within a six month period have, since the last review point, been referred to an appropriate healthcare professional for an asthma review.

Respiratory Domain – Data Collection Sheet

CPWY has now created a handy Data Collection Form which you can use to record the number of patients you have seen. Visit the CPWY website [here](#) to download and print a copy of the [Data Collection Form](#).

Prevention - Antimicrobial Stewardship

The pharmacy must be able to evidence they have spoken with all patients, their carer or representative, for whom they have dispensed antibiotics between 1st June 2023 and the day of the declaration, about the benefits of them returning all unwanted antibiotics to a community pharmacy for safe and environmentally friendly disposal.

If you have any questions, please contact Phil Wiles using email phil@cpwy.org or mobile 07793 218 060.

Kind regards,

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