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## Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2023/24: Bulletin 8 – Gateway Criteria, 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 our website [here](#).

### **PQS Gateway Criteria: New Medicines Service (NMS) – DEADLINE 31st DECEMBER**

To make a claim for PQS payments, pharmacies must first meet the Gateway Criteria of completing 15 or more New Medicines Service (NMS) between 1st April 2023 and by 31st December 2023. Check how many NMS you have completed so far and make a plan to reach the required number, by the end of December!

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

Reminder – Pharmacies will need to evidence their implementing into day-to-day practice, the recommendations for community pharmacy from the first Anticoagulant Audit from the PQS 2021/22. Visit the CPWY Pharmacy Quality Scheme webpage [here](#) to see a [summary of the report recommendations](#).

### **Prevention – Antimicrobial Stewardship**

Reminder – Pharmacies will need to evidence their implementing into day-to-day practice, the recommendations for community pharmacy from the first TARGET antibiotic checklist review from the PQS 2021/22. Visit the CPWY Pharmacy Quality Scheme webpage [here](#) to see a [summary of the AMS Initiatives report recommendations](#).

### **Prevention – Antimicrobial Stewardship**

While we are talking about Action Plans! Update your existing or create a new AMS Action Plan for the pharmacy, setting out how the pharmacy team will promote AMS. CPWY has also created an [Action Plan Template](#), available from our PQS page.

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

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