

CPCF 2020-21

Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework five year deal: Year 2 (2020 to 2021)



NHS England and NHS Improvement



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Year 2:

- **Service Development**
- **Pharmacy Quality Scheme**
- **Terms of Reference**
- **Funding Changes**

CPCF 2020-21 Service Development

CPCS

- **NHS111 Online (from 31st March)**
- **GP Referrals (October tbc)**

Discharge Medicines Service

- **Essential service**
- **July**

MUR

- **Capped at 100 from April**
- **70% Solely on high risk medicines from July**

CPCF 2020-21 New Services

Hepatitis C testing service

NHS travel vaccinations

Pilots (that may lead to national commissioning)

- **Blood pressure monitoring**
- **Stop smoking referrals from hospital discharge**
- **Sore throat test and treat for Strep A**

CPCF 2020-21 Pharmacy Quality Scheme

Starts April 2020

Aspirational payment claim (Mid April to May)

Declaration February 2021

Maintain overall funding for PQS at £75 million.

Payment to individual contractors will vary depending on their prescription volume in 2019.

CPCF 2020-21 Pharmacy Quality Scheme

- Supporting healthy living and prevention, such as weight management and suicide prevention
- Supporting antimicrobial stewardship;
- Improving support for those with respiratory disease;
- Improving medicines safety through further work on 'look-alike sound-alike' errors;
- An anticoagulant audit;
- Shared decision-making conversations about over the counter pain killers; and
- More collaborative working with PCNs.

CPCF 2020-21 Terms of Reference July 2020

- Reflect the criteria / requirements for a Level 1 **Healthy Living Pharmacy**;
- Ensure there is an **NHSmail shared mailbox** for every community pharmacy with **linked personal NHSmail** accounts for pharmacy staff;
- Ensure the pharmacy is registered to receive **CAS alerts** directly into the premises' specific **NHSmail shared mailbox** and ensure a process is in place for implementing these in the required timescales.
- **Update** as necessary, quarterly as a minimum, the community pharmacy profiles for the **NHS 111 Directory of Services**, to facilitate referral;
- **Update** pharmacy profiles for the **NHS website**, including opening times, facilities and service information, quarterly as a minimum, to facilitate efficient patient access to services;

CPCF 2020-21 Terms of Reference

- Have the capability to receive and **process electronic prescriptions**;
- Ensure all pharmacy professionals are trained to **safeguarding Level 2**;
- **Submit** specified 'contract' management and **monitoring data electronically**;
- **Collect additional information** and electronically submit data on health campaigns;
- Provide an extended notice period to NHS England and NHS Improvement of commencement of the provision of NHS pharmaceutical services;
- Notify NHS England and NHS Improvement when entering administration;

CPCF 2020-21 Reimbursement Reforms

Changes that will deliver smoother cashflow and fairer distribution of margin for contractors.

Proposed reforms include:

- Changes to the way **Category A** prices are set;
- Changes to how medicine margin is distributed in **Category M** drugs;
- Changes to how **Category C** prices are set for drugs with multiple suppliers;
- Inclusion of **non-medicinal products** in the Drug Tariff;
- Changes to the way prices of drugs in non-Part VIIIA are set;
- Changes to arrangements for reimbursement and procurement of **'specials'**;
- Changes to reimbursement of generically prescribed appliances dispensed as **'specials'**;
- Changes to reimbursement of generically prescribed drugs dispensed as **'specials'**; and
- **Changes to the deduction scale.**

CPCF 2020-21 Reimbursement Reforms

Drug Tariff

Administrative improvements within the Drug Tariff to include:

Digitalising the FP34C claim form by including it on the "Manage your Service" platform hosted by the NHSBSA

A new provision to allow contractors **to amend their claim** if they have made transposition, typographical or omission errors;

Tightening the provisions for **Out of Pocket Expenses**; and

How contractors are paid for prescription batches which are received late at the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) or for batches which are lost;

Cease distributing the paper Drug Tariff from mid-2020.

CPCF 2020-21 Funding

Pharmacy Access Scheme (PhAS)

budget allocation and the payment will be maintained at the current level until April 2021.

Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)

budget allocation will remain £75m. Volume based payment bands.

New Medicine Service (NMS)

budget allocation and the fees associated with the service will be maintained.

Dispensing fees

overall funding is forecast to remain the same for Single Activity Fee and other item fees.

Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs)

£10m set aside, as a contingency.

Retained margin

stays at £800m

CPCF 2020-21 Funding Changes

Establishment Payment

continue to be paid during 2020/21 but at a reduced level and with a planned **phase out by the end of the year**.

Transitional Payments

budget **allocation will be increased**, but **revised payment bands linked to dispensing volume** will be introduced.

Payments will reduce over the course of the year as new services launch and funding is re-allocated to them.

Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS)

budget will be increased as referrals from NHS 111 Online and GP practices begin, the **fees** associated with CPCS **will stay the same**.

New clinical services

funding will be allocated to the services being introduced as they are launched during the year.

Medicines Use Reviews (MURs)

the budget will be reduced with a maximum of 100 MURs permitted per pharmacy, but fees associated with the service will stay the same.

Community pharmacy funding distribution April 2018 to March 2021

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Single Activity Fees	£1,315	£1,315	£1,315
Other item fees	£97	£97	£97
Establishment Payment	£164	£123	£0
Medicines Use Reviews	£94	£59	£24
Pharmacy Quality Scheme	£75	£75	£75
Pharmacy Access Scheme	£24	£24	£24
New Medicine Service	£23	£23	£23
Community Pharmacy Consultation Service	£0	£4	£9
Hep C Testing Scheme	£0	£2	£2
Transition Payments and new clinical services	£0	£69	£223
Retained Margin	£800	£800	£800
Total funding*	£2,592	£2,592	£2,592

CPCF 2020-21 Transitional Payments

