

Pharmacy Quality Scheme – Important dates for the diary

This PSNC Briefing provides a list of the important dates for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23.

Date	Why is this date important?
10th October 2022	PQS 2022/23 officially starts.
	Aspiration payment window opens at 9am.
	Start date for the following criteria included in the Respiratory Domain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inhaler waste management; • Use of a spacer in patients aged 5-15 years; and • Personalised asthma action plans. DO NOT MISS THIS START DATE: CONTRACTORS NEED TO START WORKING ON THESE FROM THIS DATE TO ENSURE THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO MEET THE QUALITY CRITERIA.
	MYS audit collection tool opens at 9am for the antimicrobial stewardship criterion.
4th November 2022	Aspiration payment closes at 11.59pm.
1st December 2022	Aspiration payment is paid to contractors.
13th January 2023	Deadline to start antibiotic review (eight weeks till last day of declaration period).
16th January 2023	NHS Profile Manager can be updated if the pharmacy routinely hold the 16 palliative end of life critical medicines listed in the PQS Drug Tariff Determination (if contractors are not a stockholder of these 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines, they are not required to update NHS Profile Manager).
6th February 2023	Declaration window opens at 9am.
After the PQS declaration has been made (the declaration must be made between 9am on 6th February 2023 and 11.59pm on 3rd March 2023)	Pharmacy teams do not need to continue to offer NMS, with the appropriate inhaler technique check, as part of PQS.
	Pharmacy teams do not need to continue to have conversations with patients, their carers or representatives about the environmentally safe disposal of inhalers, as part of PQS.
	Pharmacy teams do not need to continue with the 'Use of a spacer in patients aged 5-15 years' quality criterion, as part of PQS.
	Pharmacy teams do not need to continue with the 'Personalised Asthma Action Plans' quality criterion, as part of PQS.
	Contractors do not need to continue with the 'Referrals for patients using three or more short-acting bronchodilator inhalers without any corticosteroid inhaler in six months' quality criterion, as part of PQS.
3rd March 2023	Declaration window closes at 11.59pm.
31st March 2023	Deadline for ensuring the requirements of the gateway and quality criteria (excluding those that need to be met by the day of the declaration (see above)) have been met.
	MYS audit collection tool closes at 11.59pm for the antimicrobial stewardship criterion.
3rd April 2023	Contractors will be paid their PQS payment.
5th April 2023	Deadline to have claimed payment for the provision of at least 20 NMS since 1st April 2022 (the Advanced services gateway criterion).