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Post Payment Verification (PPV) were stood down by Welsh Government on the 19th of March 2020, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. A review of opportunities was considered, and a discussion was held at an NESMB (National Extended Services Management Board) where it was proposed by LHBs that PPV was extended to the Quality & Safety Scheme and Collaborative Working, to be agreed with Community Pharmacy Wales.

With the updated specification issued following the successful pilot, from April 1st, 2023, we have begun the verification of the Quality and Safety Scheme. These visits are conducted remotely utilising the most recent claiming data for the previous year.

Whilst conducting the pilot on the Collaborative Working Scheme, we recognised that there may be concerns with the provision and evidence of the reports from Community Pharmacies which are needed by the PPV team to conduct their checks as stated in the Drug Tariff.

From April 1st, 2024, we will begin the Post Payment Verification checks for the Collaborative Working Scheme which will be completed remotely utilising the data that is held within our databases in Primary Care Services (PCS) and we will be requesting all reports from yourselves needed to verify the payments made relating to the requirements of the service. We are therefore notifying you to record and maintain all information needed for these validations in the forthcoming years.

We understand that collaborative notes and documents maybe shared amongst cluster groups if demonstrated individually by yourselves. More detailed and specific requirements are listed in the drug tariff along with the below.

- 7. The pharmacy lead must maintain evidence of meeting the responsibilities outlined in 6.1 to 6.5 for inspection by the relevant local health board. This may be in an electronic format and must include: the dates and times of meetings; the names and affiliations of the attendees; a summary of the main points of discussion; any actions agreed; and the current status of those actions.
- 14.5 A detailed report of each piece of collaborative working is maintained at the pharmacy for inspection by the relevant local health board. This may be in an electronic format and must include: the date and time of the meeting; the names and affiliations of the attendees; a summary of the main points of discussion; any actions agreed; and the current status of those actions.

In the event that a pharmacy is unable to provide evidence in support of a previously submitted claim, may result in a financial recovery.

Many thanks and Kind Regards

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