

Summary of PQS 2023/24

The full guidance document for the PQS 2023/24 can be found [here](#). Please refer to this to determine the full requirements of each quality criterion.

PQS Domain	Quality Criteria	Points (band 4 contractor)
Gateway	Advanced Services – at least 15 New Medicine Service (NMS) consultations	N/A
Medicines safety and optimisation	High risk medicines – anticoagulant audit Palliative and end of life care (PEoLC)	15
Respiratory	Inhaler technique checks Inhaler waste management Referrals for patients using 3 or more bronchodilators in 6 months Use of a spacer in patients aged 5-15 years Personalised Asthma Action Plans (PAAP)	25
Prevention	Antimicrobial stewardship and infection prevention and control	20
Total		60

Timeline

Please note this list is not exhaustive and highlights some of the key dates in the PQS calendar. Please see the [full guidance document](#) for full details.

Date	Domain	Action
ASAP	Medicines Safety & Optimisation – High Risk Medicines – Palliative Care	Update NHS Profile Manager to show if you are a Pharmacy Palliative Care Medication Stockholder and routinely hold the 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines
ASAP	Medicines Safety & Optimisation – High Risk Medicines – Anticoagulant Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the recommendations for community pharmacy from the first anticoagulant audit. Complete the 2023/24 anticoagulant audit by 31 March 2024 Data must be collected for 2 weeks, with a minimum sample size of 15 patients, extended to 4 weeks if 15 patients has not been achieved.
ASAP	Prevention – Antimicrobial Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the recommendations for community pharmacy from the first TARGET Antibiotic Checklist data collection. Complete 2023/24 data collection by 31 March 2024. Data must be collected for 4 weeks, with a minimum sample size of 25 patients, extended to 8 weeks if 25 patients has not been achieved.
1st Sept	Prevention – Antimicrobial Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TARGET Treating Your Infections Leaflets data collection tool available on MYS. Review the recommendations for community pharmacy from the first TARGET Treating Your Infections data collection. Complete 2023/24 data collection by 31 March 2024. Data must be collected for 4 weeks, with a minimum sample of 15 patients for each leaflet (UTI and RTI), extended to 8 weeks if this has not been achieved.
4th Sept – 29th Sept	Aspiration Payment	Aspiration payment window will be open between 09.00 on 4 September 2023 and 23:59 on 29 September through MYS
31st Dec 24	Gateway Criterion	Pharmacies must complete 15 NMS between 1 April 2023 and 31 December 2023.
5th Jan 24	Gateway Criterion	Pharmacies must have claimed for a minimum of 15 NMS between 1 April 2023 and 5 January 2024 to be eligible for a PQS payment.
5th Feb 24	Prevention – Antimicrobial Stewardship	Last chance to start both the TARGET Antibiotic Checklist and Antibiotic TARGET leaflet data collections in time for 31 March 2024 completion.
5th Feb – 1st Mar 24	PQS Declaration Window	The PQS declaration window will be open between 09:00 on 5 February 2024 and 23:59 on 1 March 2024 through MYS.
4th Mar 24	Medicines Safety & Optimisation – High Risk Medicines – Anticoagulant Audit	Last chance to start the anticoagulant audit in time for 31 March 2024 completion.
31st Mar 24	End	All activity must be completed including training.

Training

The training in the table below must be completed by relevant members of the pharmacy team by the end of 31 March 2024.

Criterion	Training	Participation	Validity
Respiratory	CPPE Inhaler technique for health professionals: getting it right e-learning OR CPPE Optimising inhaler technique: improving outcomes workshop AND Inhaler technique for health professionals e-assessment	All pharmacists	4 years
Antimicrobial stewardship	Antimicrobial Stewardship for Community Pharmacy e-learning and e-assessment Infection prevention and control level 1 e-learning and e-assessment Infection prevention and control level 2 e-learning and e-assessment	All patient-facing staff providing advice on medicines or healthcare All non-registered pharmacy staff All registered pharmacy professionals	3 years