



P Q S 2025 / 26



GATEWAY CRITERION

Deadline: 31 August 2025 to

Sign up for **both** Pharmacy First Service and Pharmacy Contraception Service.

Must remain registered until **31 March 2026**.

New pharmacies (1 Sept–31 Dec 2025): Sign up within 2 weeks of opening.

De-register after 1 Sept 2025 = failure to meet gateway, no payment.

DOMAIN 1 – MEDICINES OPTIMISATION

ALL FIVE QUALITY CRITERIA MUST BE MET.

Criterion	Key Deadline(s)	Requirement
Palliative & End of Life Care Action Plan	By 31 March 2026	Stock 16 critical meds, update NHS Profile Manager, have a stock action plan (retain for 3 years)
Mental Health – CPPE Training	Training must be completed between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2026	Pharmacists complete “Consulting with People with Mental Health Problems” e-learning. No assessment required.
Respiratory – Spacer Device (Age 5–15)	By 31 March 2026	Ensure all patients have spacers or refer if missing. Document processes and actions.
Respiratory – SABA Overuse Referrals	By 31 March 2026	Refer asthma patients dispensed 3+ SABA inhalers in 6 months without corticosteroid inhaler.
Emergency Contraception – CPPE & e-assessment	Training/assessment must be completed between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2026	All providing staff (pharmacists & techs) must complete CPPE module and e-assessment



DOMAIN 2 – PATIENT SAFETY

ALL THREE QUALITY CRITERIA MUST BE MET



Criterion	Key Deadline(s)	Requirement
Antimicrobial Stewardship Audit	Conduct audit between 1 Sept 2025 – 31 March 2026 Data collection must start by 3 Feb 2026 Submit via MYS by 31 March 2026	Audit 10+ patients with FeverPAIN 0–3 using Pharmacy First Sore Throat pathway. Retain confirmation email
Sepsis – CPPE & e-assessment	Complete between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2026	All registered pharmacy professionals must complete CPPE sepsis module and pass e-assessment
Enhanced DBS Check	Certificate must be dated 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026	All registered professionals must have a valid enhanced DBS certificate. Retain for inspection

PAYMENTS AND DECLARATIONS

Action	Deadline	Details
Aspiration Payment Claim Window	1 May – 16 May 2025	Optional. Max 75% of total points. Paid 1 July 2025
Final PQS Declaration (via MYS)	2 February – 27 February 2026	Declare all completed domains. Late declarations not accepted.

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