National Enablers for Pharmacy to Contribute to Respiratory Care

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**Secondary and tertiary care:**
- Best Practice Tariff
- National Asthma and COPD Audit

**All sectors:**
- NHS Long Term Plan
- NHS Net Zero
- Taskforce for Lung Health
  - Discharge Medicines Service
  - Asthma Right Care
  - Severe Asthma Optimal Pathway of Care Specialised Commissioning
- NICE Asthma Quality Standard
- NHS Business Services Authority Respiratory Dashboard
- Greener NHS programme

**Tertiary care:**
- Severe Asthma Commissioning for Quality and Innovation
- Service Specification for Specialised Respiratory Services in Adults

**Primary care:**
- Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service Structured Medication Review and Medicines Optimisation
- General Medical Services Quality and Outcomes Framework
- OpenPrescribing metrics

**Financial enablers**
- Pharmacy Quality Scheme
- New Medicines Service
Primary Care Network Impact and Investment Fund 2021-22 and 2022-23

Four indicators included that focus on improving inhaler prescribing.

• Delivering better outcomes for patients on medication - 2 indicators

  By 24/25, 90% of patients on the asthma register will be regularly prescribed an ICS, while only 10% will be prescribed 6 or more SABA inhalers per year

• Helping create a more sustainable NHS – 2 indicators

  By 23/24 only 25% of non-salbutamol inhalers prescribed will be MDIs and to reduce the mean propellant (F-gas) carbon intensity of salbutamol inhalers prescribed to 11.1kg

Respiratory indicators

• % of patients who were regularly prescribed an ICS over the previous 12 months

• % of patients who received 6 or more SABA inhaler prescriptions over the previous 12 months

• MDI prescriptions as a % of all non-salbutamol inhaler prescriptions issued on or after 1 October

• Mean carbon emissions per salbutamol inhaler prescribed on or after 1 October (kg CO2e)

Community Pharmacy Quality Scheme

Priories include a focus on improving inhaler use.

- Reduce morbidity and preventable deaths from asthma through targeted clinical surveillance and evidence-based interventions
- Contribute to optimising inhaler technique and outcomes in patients with asthma or COPD
- Promote safe and environmentally friendly disposal of all unwanted and used inhaler devices

Respiratory indicators

- Ensuring people with asthma have personalised asthma action plans in place and promoting spacer device use in children prescribed pressurised metered dose inhalers
- Inhaler technique checks, as part of catch-up NMS, for patients who were prescribed an inhaler for the first time or changed to a new inhaler device between 1 April 2020 and 31 August 2021. Pharmacists providing NMS with inhaler technique checks to undertake CPPE training and assessment
- Encouraging the return of unwanted and used inhalers for safe disposal to support the aims within NHSE&I’s Delivering a ‘Net Zero’ National Health Service report.