New access to view pharmacy level data across UK from 2018/19 and consequences of not submitting data announced by NHS England.

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Reporting of Quarterly MUR and NMS data is nothing new. Many pharmacies complete this activity routinely, however there is still a proportion of pharmacies that do not submit the data on time. Two updates have recently been announced as follows:

Access to individual pharmacy level data from Q1 2018/19 (submitted by contractors in early July 2018)

- Following discussions with PSNC, NHS England have agreed to the publication of the MUR and NMS quarterly data submitted by pharmacy contractors to the NHS BSA
- The publication should provide a useful picture of the interventions being undertaken in both the services at a national and local level and is useful for LPCs to use in their discussions with local commissioners.
- Comparison of individual pharmacy level data by contractors to that of other local pharmacies may also prompt reflection on practice and consideration of areas for quality improvement, where necessary; this may also assist some pharmacists with meeting the new GPhC revalidation requirements which will commence in 2019/20.

Consequences of not reporting quarterly data

- Despite reminders from the NHS BSA to submit the quarterly data, some contractors fail to meet this contractual requirement
- Where contractors fail to submit their Q1 2018/19 data NHS England expects that breach notices will be issued to contractors.
- Contractors should have recently submitted their quarterly data for Q4 2017/18 to the NHS BSA. Those that haven't will receive reminders.
- CPSC is therefore reminding contractors of the importance of submitting this data to prevent such a breach.
- NHS BSA have been asked whether they can supply LPCs with a list of contractors that have not submitted their Q4 2017/18 data and it is hoped that this data will be supplied to LPCs shortly, to assist with reducing the level of non compliance down to zero.
- Please act now to ensure all contractors are compliant.