

Stay on Track: 2026/27 PQS

Timeline

Mandatory deadlines and
scheme requirement

Recommended target
dates to help stay on track

2 June

PQS start date

13 July

Aspiration payment window
opened

28 July

Aspiration payment window
closed

August

- Palliative and End of Life Care questionnaire
- Clinical Services Audit

will be published on the NHSBSA
website.

1 September

Aspiration payment is
paid to pharmacy
owners if claim was
submitted by deadline of
28 July 2026

October

CPPE Respiratory Training
and Assessment

November

Palliative and End of Life
Care questionnaire, NHS
Profile Update and Action
Plan

31
December

Deadline to complete the
PEoLC questionnaire to
meet the Gateway
criterion

January

Clinical Services Audit

1 February

PQS declaration window
opens

26 February

PQS declaration window
closes

31 March

FINAL deadline to meet the requirements of the gateway (except the PEoLC questionnaire: 31st December 2026) and quality criteria have been met

PQS at a Glance

Gateway Criterion

To participate, all pharmacies must complete the above.

Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC)
questionnaire

NHS Profile Manager Update if the pharmacy is
a 'Pharmacy palliative care medication
stockholder'

Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC) action
plan

Domains

Medicines Optimisation and Patient Safety (15 points)

There are two quality criteria in this domain. Both quality criteria
must be met to claim payment for the domain.

Respiratory, asthma guidelines

- CPPE E-learning and Asthma e-
assessment

Safe Management of urgent repeat medicines supply requests and referrals

- SOP Updates

Professional Practice (15 points)

There is one quality criterion in this domain.
This quality criterion needs to be met to be eligible to claim payment for
the domain.

Antimicrobial Stewardship Audit

- A minimum of **10 patients**.
- An **action plan** to improve practice.
- A **peer discussion** (1–2 hours) with a
'buddy' pharmacist to review the audit
findings and action plan.