# COVID-19 Vaccination Service Site Sign-up Process Clarifications Log: 13 November 2024 – 28 January 2025

## Question 1

I had a call from XXXXXXXX the contractor for XXXXXXX - it is a new pharmacy. The contractor is wanting to know if he can sign up for the Covid-19 EPI or can the registration from the previous pharmacy be transferred.

## Question 2

I have recently taken over XXXXXXXX pharmacy (XXXXX) after the cutoff for signing up to the covid vaccination program. Is there a way to bypass this and make a late application?

### Response to both queries:

If the previous owner had a contract in place, this service does not need to go through the procurement process again. Regulation 13(1)(b) of the PSR permits a change where the modification is solely a change in the identity of the provider due to succession into the position of provider following corporate changes including takeover, merger, acquisition or insolvency and the relevant authority is satisfied that the provider meets the basic selection criteria.

Therefore, you may need to evidence that you continue to meet minimum requirements. Please contact your regional team to progress the transfer of the contract.

If the previous owner did not have a COVID-19 vaccination contract or their contract ends on 31 March 2025, you will need to apply anew in order to deliver Covid vaccinations from 1 April 2025. Unfortunately, the Site Sign-up Process for Spring 2025 has now closed. However, there may be other opportunities available in your area under the Site Selection Process and there may also be a further intake of providers via the Site Sign-up Process ahead of the next Covid campaign. Please see the [Site Selection Process Guidance](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2Fpublication%2Fcovid-vaccination-programme-site-selection-process%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cs.vanlier%40nhs.net%7C8490036ae3b44fc6532d08dd12f23d9b%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638687553805688441%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8tgaapvU0UGHx8YqCC1SOJzvd7XJv3WuCAaPpVzCLnc%3D&reserved=0) and [Site Sign-up Process Guidance](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2Fpublication%2Fcovid-19-vaccination-site-sign-up-process-guidance-for-all-suppliers%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cs.vanlier%40nhs.net%7C8490036ae3b44fc6532d08dd12f23d9b%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638687553805707758%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0SMfjNIswyNPOdjJb9sbayZF5wY4MJVSh9ej1aZNfRY%3D&reserved=0) for more information and speak to your local commissioner for further information on any additional opportunities in your area.