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| PSNC Newsletter |
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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent every Tuesday and Friday. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: C-19 Cost Claims deadline; RSG update; CPCS IT changes; Recall for Irbesartan containing products; Fluoxetine 10mg tablets SSP extension.COVID-19 Cost Claims: Urgent action requiredWith **this Sunday's** deadline for COVID-19 cost claims fast approaching, community pharmacy contractors are urged to complete the agreed claim form as soon as possible. This will require careful review of data to identify the costs that can be claimed and the gathering of relevant evidence. PSNC's guidance documentation can support contractors through the claims process.[**Read PSNC's COVID-19 Costs Claims guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2b66976e02&e=d19e9fd41c)[**View the NHSBSA webpage and claim form for COVID-19 costs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e322542bf9&e=d19e9fd41c) Review Steering Group update and podcast launchAlongside an update about what it is currently working on, the Pharmacy Representation Review Steering Group (RSG) has published a one-page summary of its wider work programme. These include information about how contractors can get involved and the proposed timing of the contractor vote on the RSG proposals for the future of pharmacy representation. For those who prefer to listen to its updates, the RSG has also published its first podcast about the work underway to improve the representation and support of NHS Community Pharmacy.[**August 2021 update**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5829e4cdf0&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Read the summary of the RSG's work**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4fe899583b&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Listen to the RSG podcast**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1ec67947ac&e=d19e9fd41c)CPCS IT changes from October 1stContractors providing the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) will be required to [**procure their own IT system**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4716a0018c&e=d19e9fd41c) from the system suppliers in the market offering CPCS functionality from **1st October 2021**. PSNC strongly advises contractors to decide on which system they will use during the next few weeks and in advance of October to allow time for system set-up and configuration.[**Read more about CPCS IT support**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=57ab350e9a&e=d19e9fd41c) Class 2 MHRA medicines recall noticeThe Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a Class 2 medicines recall for Irbesartan-containing products: **Aprovel and Co-Aprovel**. This is a precautionary measure due to contamination with an impurity with mutagenic potential.[**Find out more about the recall**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f49621ff05&e=d19e9fd41c) Further extension to SSP05: Fluoxetine 10mg tabletsThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has decided to further extend SSP05 for Fluoxetine 10mg tablets to **Friday 12th November 2021**. This follows a review of the current supply situation for this product.[**Learn more about this SSP**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1aefc581f1&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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