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| PSNC Newsletter |
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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: Regulatory changes; funding updates; PQS deadline extension; pause to NMS data reporting; PSNC submits evidence to parliamentary inquiry.Regulatory changes, including the National Enhanced ServiceVarious [**amendments**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3f295b1fbc&e=d19e9fd41c) to [**the regulations**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1bea20cec5&e=d19e9fd41c) came into force yesterday (**21st December 2021**) or will come into force from **1st January 2022**. These include the introduction of a new type of pharmaceutical service, the National Enhanced Service, and a revision to contractors’ Terms of Service to allow NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) to introduce a pandemic response programme.[**Learn more about these regulatory changes**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0f13c54844&e=d19e9fd41c) Funding updates**January 2022 Category M Prices Announced**The Drug Tariff Category M pricelist for January 2022 has been published on the [**NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c52a009ac3&e=d19e9fd41c). PSNC has agreed the adjustments based on our analysis of margin delivery and the current projections for 2021/22. Our objective remains to ensure full delivery of the agreed margin for community pharmacy contractors. [**Read more about Category M Prices**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7f11caa0a6&e=d19e9fd41c)**Drug Tariff update January 2022 – Transitional Payment adjustments**From **the 1st of January 2022**, changes will be made to the payment levels for the Transitional Payment. These changes aim to reduce the overall level of fees delivered to pharmacy contractors through Transitional Payments within the financial year 2021/22 by £5m so that the agreed amount of Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) funding is delivered over the year. PSNC has agreed the changes to the Transitional Payments based on our analysis of funding delivery and the latest projections for the year. However, fee levels will be kept under constant review to ensure the full delivery of funding agreed under the Five Year CPCF deal.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0cb52fb74d&e=d19e9fd41c)**Electronic route for submission of Temporary Safeguarding Payment claims**We would like to remind contractors that from December 2021, any claims for Temporary Safeguarding Payments are required to be submitted electronically to the NHSBSA by emailing the completed claim form to **nhsbsa.contractorpayments@nhs.net**.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b502da3171&e=d19e9fd41c)PQS: deadline extensionFollowing the announcement last week that PSNC, NHSE&I, and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) had agreed to an extension for contractors meeting the requirements of the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS), the relevant amendments to the Drug Tariff have now been published.  Contractors now have from 1st April 2021 **until 5th April 2022** to claim payments for the completion of a minimum of 20 completed New Medicine Service (NMS) provisions, until **31st March 2022** to complete most of the domains for the other requirements of the scheme, and until **30th June 2022** to gather the evidence to demonstrate compliance. Please note that the extension is **not** being applied to the PCN domain or to advice on return of unwanted or unused inhalers, and the declaration period has**not** been changed.[**Read more about the PQS deadline extension**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=03cf99437f&e=d19e9fd41c)Further pause to NMS quarterly data reportingIn recognition of the pressures facing pharmacies as well as pharmacy teams' contribution to the COVID-19 vaccination programme, PSNC and NHSE&I have agreed that the requirement for contractors to report NMS data for Quarters 3 and 4 of 2021/22 be removed. This requirement will be reinstated from Quarter 1 of 2022/23 (April – June 2022), and contractors will be required to submit their quarterly data in early July 2022. PSNC submits evidence to parliamentary inquiryPSNC has submitted evidence to the House of Commons Health and Social Care Select Committee’s inquiry into ‘The future of General Practice’. PSNC’s evidence centred around what community pharmacy is currently doing to support our General Practice colleagues and what more we can do in the future if given the proper support.[**Read more about the inquiry**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=adef51e254&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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