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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 7th February 2022 |

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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: Final call on Pressures Survey; RTEC used more than a million times; don't miss out on earlier advance payments; face coverings study.Last chance to take part in Pharmacy Pressures SurveyCommunity pharmacy contractors and their teams are reminded to share their experiences in PSNC's Pharmacy Pressures Survey.[**In mid-January PSNC launched two surveys**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1f2aa08c26&e=d19e9fd41c) to gather more data on the pressures that everyone working in community pharmacy is under and the impact that this is having. The findings will be used to highlight the situation the sector is facing in our ongoing discussions with Government and NHS officials, and to help us continue to make pharmacy's case in conversations with MPs and other external stakeholders.This is the final call to take part, with the surveys due to close at **23.59 today (Monday 7th February)**. We very much appreciate your support in completing the two related surveys:1. [**Survey of pharmacy business owners/head office representatives**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=884ffb49ac&e=d19e9fd41c)
2. [**Survey of pharmacy team members**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=804358cb7f&e=d19e9fd41c)

RTEC used 100 million timesThe NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has announced that community pharmacy team members have performed over 100 million checks using the Real Time Exemption Checking (RTEC) system.RTEC allows pharmacy teams to check digitally if their patients are eligible for free NHS prescriptions because they hold a specific exemption. Pharmacies already using RTEC report that it saves staff time and it reduces the use of paper (and pharmacy's environmental impact), as contractors are not required to submit EPS tokens to the NHSBSA where these have been confirmed RTEC exempt.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b258d953f1&e=d19e9fd41c)Reminder: Submit FP34C now to secure earlier advance paymentsTo secure access to earlier advance payments on February 10th 2022, contractors must submit their claims for NHS pharmaceutical services delivered in January 2022 through the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal by no later than **February 5th 2022**.Contractors who submit their January FP34C figures after February 5th, or continue to declare figures using the paper FP34C submission document, will not receive any earlier advance payments. They should also note that from April 2022 (i.e. for prescriptions dispensed in March 2022), MYS will be the **only** route for monthly FP34C submissions.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=18b246c0eb&e=d19e9fd41c)PROTECT face coverings studyThe Institute of Occupational Medicine (IOM) would like to invite community pharmacy teams to share their knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding the wearing of face coverings within consultation rooms.[**Register here to take part**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=456887323d&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Visit the project website for more information**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3540b3d9e2&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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