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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | PSNC Newsletter | | Friday 11th February 2022 | | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | |  | 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: GPhC restates position on C-19 vacs for pharmacy teams; please take part in Advice Audit; PhAS review application deadline approaching; SSP05 extended; PQS declaration FAQs.GPhC restates position on C-19 vacs for pharmacy staff In a recent statement, the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) restated its position that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working in all settings across Great Britain should be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they are medically exempt. The statement was made in response to the Secretary of State’s announcement that vaccination against COVID-19 will not be a pre-condition of employment for health and care staff.   [**Read the full GPhC statement**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=954037518f&e=d19e9fd41c) Pharmacy Advice Audit deadline soon Community pharmacy contractors have until **23.59 on Friday 18th February 2022**, to complete PSNC's 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit. The results of this audit will help PSNC in future funding discussions with HM Government and the NHS.  PSNC's Director of Pharmacy Funding, Mike Dent, described the importance of the audit in gathering data for negotiations and campaigning work in recent a video update.  [**Watch the video update**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3943e49dd3&e=d19e9fd41c)  [**Find out how to complete the audit**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=16a065749a&e=d19e9fd41c) PhAS review application deadline approaching We would like to remind contractors that they have until **23.59pm on 4th March 2022**, to complete a review application for the 2022 Pharmacy Access Scheme (PhAS).  All applications must be completed on NHS England and NHS Improvement's (NHSE&I's) dedicated web review portal, and contractors should gather the relevant evidence before beginning their application.  [**Read PSNC's guidance on submitting a PhAS review application**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d97d40eace&e=d19e9fd41c) SSP05 extended The Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Fluoxetine 10mg tablets (SSP05) has been extended to **Friday 13th May 2022**. PSNC's briefing on SSP05 contains further information about this SSP.  [**Learn more about SSP05**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=40e1fcccdc&e=d19e9fd41c)     |  | | --- | | Have you seen our latest FAQs? |   PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams, and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions on the **Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) declaration** include:  **Q. What should I do if I have made a mistake in entering some of the data related to the various domains I have undertaken as part of the PQS?** **A.** Incorrect data can be highlighted by emailing the NHSBSA Provider Assurance team at [**nhsbsa.pharmacysupport@nhs.net**](mailto:nhsbsa.pharmacysupport@nhs.net) to let them know and provide the correct data. It won’t be possible for your claim to be amended if you have not correctly claimed for a criterion, but it may be possible for the data to be amended in due course, to ensure the overall data reflects the activity that pharmacies undertook.  **Q. How long should I retain PQS paperwork/records for post-payment verification (PPV) purposes?** **A.** PSNC recommends that PQS paperwork/records are retained for three years following the submission of the PQS declaration for PPV purposes. Contractors may need to retain paperwork and records for longer periods for reasons other than PPV.  Further information can be found on PSNC's [**PQS FAQs page**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=de6c17352a&e=d19e9fd41c) |  | |  |  |  | | |
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