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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 4th April 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: Another record year for pharmacy flu vaccinations; mandatory topics for patient satisfaction surveys; 5th April services deadlines; SAF reverts to £1.27; SSP updates; new EPS pharmacy system.Almost 4.8 million flu vaccinations administered by community pharmacy during 2021/22Community pharmacy teams have proved once again that they can deliver by administering almost 4.8 million flu vaccinations under the NHS Flu Vaccination Service in 2021/22 – 73% more than the 2.8 million vaccines administered last season.Commenting on the end-of-season figures, Alastair Buxton, Director of NHS Services, PSNC said: "This would be an amazing achievement at the best of times, but even more so when pharmacies have been coping with the impact of the pandemic and wider financial and operational pressures."[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=593314b857&e=d19e9fd41c)Patient satisfaction survey: mandatory topics for 2022/23The requirements for the community pharmacy patient satisfaction survey have been revised. PSNC sought these changes to address requests from contractors to have greater flexibility in the way they undertake surveys of patients' experience of pharmacy services.The revised requirements include the need for a contractor's survey to cover three topics agreed nationally by NHS England and NHS Improvement and PSNC.[**Learn more about the three topics agreed for 2022/23**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f013def1fc&e=d19e9fd41c)Services: 5th April deadlinesContractors are reminded that a number of services and Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) deadlines are tomorrow (5th April 2022). These include the last claim dates for deliveries made under the Pandemic Delivery Service (Advanced service), activity undertaken for the catch-up New Medicine Service (NMS), and the minimum number of NMS needed to meet the PQS gateway criterion.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=97c123c555&e=d19e9fd41c)Single Activity Fee reverts to £1.27 from AprilThe value of the Single Activity Fee has reverted to £1.27 from 1st April 2022. PSNC will continue to monitor fee levels throughout the year in order to ensure the full delivery of funding agreed under the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=42f0b5c896&e=d19e9fd41c)Updates to SSP014 and SSP017The following Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) have been amended.* **SSP014 for Salazopyrin® EN-Tabs 500mg:** This SSP has now expired.
* **SSP017 for Lipitor® 20mg chewable tablets:** This SSP has been further extended to Wednesday 13th April 2022.

[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=26d5da5348&e=d19e9fd41c)New pharmacy system receives EPS accreditation NHS Digital has confirmed that a new Patient Medication Record (PMR) system called **V-Rx** has been granted Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) accreditation.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=02fc9183ff&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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