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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: PSNC audit highlights growing reliance on community pharmacy; Telegraph reports rise in use of pharmacies; urgent deadline for DSPTK toolkit.Pharmacies in England provide 65 million consultations a yearPSNC has published the findings of our 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit. The audit results highlight that more than 1.2 million consultations a week – or 65 million a year – are now being carried out by community pharmacy teams in England. This is an increase from 2021, when the audit results suggested that in total pharmacies were providing 58 million consultations per year.The audit also enabled PSNC to assess, for the first time, the level of severity of the conditions with which patients are presenting in community pharmacies: it is clear that pharmacies are regularly seeing patients in very urgent need of help.PSNC has already used the data from the 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit in funding discussions with Government and the NHS, and we would like to thank all pharmacy teams who took part in the audit.[**See the full audit results**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8d93fbf074&e=d19e9fd41c) National press reports rise in patients using pharmaciesYesterday's Sunday Telegraph reported on the scale of the advice that community pharmacies provide for the public and the value of this advice to the NHS, particularly in terms of releasing capacity in General Practice.The article referenced the results of PSNC's 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit throughout (see above) as a key source of data and quoted PSNC's CEO, Janet Morrison, saying that pharmacy teams are also facing growing pressures and must be protected by Government via a sustainable funding settlement.[**Read the Telegraph article**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e0851045f2&e=d19e9fd41c) Urgent: Deadline to complete DSPTK toolkit approachingPharmacy contractors are reminded that the deadline to complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2021/22 is **this Thursday (30th June 2022)**. Contractors are required to complete this toolkit annually as part of the Pharmacy Terms of Service.[**See PSNC's Toolkit guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=57b138a8c4&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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