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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: Joint plea to Prime Minister for support; help increase signatories to an MP letter to Health Secretary; Pharmacy Pressures Survey; Dispensing and Supply Updates.Pharmacy leaders urge Rishi Sunak to invest in sectorTogether with a collective of community pharmacy national representative bodies and England’s largest pharmacy chains, PSNC has written to the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, calling on the Government to help pharmacy to resolve the funding, workforce and capacity issues engulfing the sector. The letter warns the Prime Minister that without intervention we are moving towards large numbers of permanent pharmacy closures with many pharmacy owners concerned that they may not survive this year. As PSNC CEO Janet Morrison [**told the Daily Mail yesterday**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d3c0f7415f&e=d19e9fd41c), “This is a critical time for community pharmacy and… the PM should know that community pharmacies need sustainable investment, urgently, to avoid devastating consequences.”[**Read the joint letter to the Prime Minister**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0de014fd08&e=d19e9fd41c) MP letter to Health SecretaryAs another means of applying pressure on the Government about the critical pharmacy funding situation, we are facilitating the sending of a letter from MPs and peers to the Health Secretary. The letter raises the deep and growing concern over the unprecedented pressures facing the community pharmacy sector in England.We would be extremely grateful if as many contractors as possible could encourage their local MP (excluding Government Ministers) to sign the letter by **Friday 3rd February**.[**Get involved**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9592cf480a&e=d19e9fd41c) Pharmacy Pressures Survey: Please take part  PSNC has launched a nationwide Pharmacy Pressures Survey which will give us important data for use in future negotiations. Please help us make the case to Government for more funding by completing the surveys via the links below. * [**Pharmacy business owners/head office representatives survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=368b8da319&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Pharmacy teams survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=35890e3c6e&e=d19e9fd41c)

You can also now download a copy of the survey questions here: [**Learn more about the survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f1fde51b6f&e=d19e9fd41c)Dispensing and Supply Updates**Pen V SSPs updated**The expiry dates for **SSP040-SSP047** have been extended to **Tuesday 28th February 2023**, and amended to remove Azithromycin and Clarithromycin as alternative antibiotics to Pen V.[**View the updates in full**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0667d65d02&e=d19e9fd41c)**26 products added to the DND list from this month**Following applications made by PSNC to DHSC and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), a further **26 new products** were classed as ‘Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted’ (DND) from **1st February 2023**.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=917dddff8f&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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