



# Daily Update

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This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## In today's update: PSNC CEO blog; CPN magazine; final January price concessions list; recall for Kolanticon Gel.

### PSNC CEO January blog

A year on from the emergence of coronavirus, Chief Executive Simon Dukes considers the current funding situation and the progress on PSNC's bid to have pharmacy's costs covered.

Describing the Committee's growing sense of frustration with funding negotiations, the blog talks about how long delays from Government and NHS officials are a regular occurrence. With PSNC Members adamant that the sector must not be bullied, and continuing to hold the NHS and Government to account privately (as well as, increasingly, publicly) for their decisions and processes, PSNC is continuing to press for positive outcomes.



[Read the PSNC CEO Blog](#)

### CPN magazine: First issue of 2021 published

The January 2021 edition of PSNC's Community Pharmacy News (CPN) is now available. This issue of CPN features:

- Addressing COVID-19 impact;
- Pharmacy and C-19 vaccination;
- Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) guidance published; and
- 2020 PPE claims process.

[Read CPN magazine](#)

### Price Concessions: Final update for January 2021

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has today confirmed that the [announcement made on 29th January 2021](#) completes the list of price concessions granted for January 2021; no further price concessions will be granted for January 2021.

## MHRA Class 3 Medicines Recall: Kolanticon Gel 500ml

The Medicines and Health products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a [class 3 medicines recall for Kolanticon Gel 500ml \(Intrapharm\) PL 17509/0084](#), relating to a consistency issue of a specific batch.

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 topic of **2020 COVID-19 PPE claims** include:

### Q. How do I make a PPE claim?

The main way for doing this is through the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal, and login details will be the same as for other payments claimed through this route.

Additionally, group pharmacies (with six or more pharmacies) have the option to make a central claim on a spreadsheet, providing the equivalent claim data by pharmacy.

### Q. What period does the standard claim cover?

The standard claim amount covers spend in the first period (between 27th February 2020 and 31st October 2020).

You are allowed to claim a higher amount for this period as an exceptional claim. However, to do this you must have been able to rebuild your purchase history for this period, and evidence this higher amount (excluding VAT and delivery charges) on request.

### Q. How do I know how much I'm eligible for under the standard claim?

The volume bandings used are the same as for the Transitional Payment. The band assigned to each pharmacy is the one they've most frequently been in over the eight months from March to October 2020. Where there is a joint most frequent band (e.g. 4 times in two different bands), the highest band is used. Although this can be individually worked out by pharmacies, most pharmacies received an email from NHSBSA on 11/01/21 to confirm which band they were in.

Further information on our [Pharmacy PPE Claim process FAQs page](#).

Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: [psnc.org.uk/coronavirus](https://psnc.org.uk/coronavirus)

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