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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | Daily Update | | Thursday 27th May 2021 | | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | |  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.   |  | | --- | | In today's update: PSNC elections postponed; Extended Care Service case study; NHSmail regs reminder.**PSNC elections postponed pending outcomes of independent review** Elections for PSNC’s 13 independent contractor Regional Representatives have been postponed by one year and will now take place in time for April 2023.    This is to give time for the [**Review Steering Group (RSG)**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=db7e00cc99&e=12757307a1) to complete its important work reviewing contractor representation and support, including the structure of both PSNC and the LPCs.   PSNC has also advised LPCs who are following the PSNC four-yearly election cycle to consider postponing their elections until 2023 and is offering support to LPCs to help them to do this.    The PSNC decision follows preliminary advice from the RSG that it hopes to propose changes for contractors to vote on by the end of this year. The Group is in the process of consulting on its draft high-level workplan and timeline and will confirm this in an event for the sector on Monday 14th June.   [**Read more on the PSNC decision**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=abe00c50ab&e=12757307a1)  [**Register for the RSG Engagement Event**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d770233cb0&e=12757307a1)  [**Read the RSG statement on elections**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=71c22de8db&e=12757307a1) **Service Case Study: The Midlands Community Pharmacy Extended Care Service** NHS England & NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) Midlands launched a Community Pharmacy Extended Care Service in December 2020. This includes a suite of patient group directions (PGDs) that allow pharmacists to treat patients presenting with certain conditions that otherwise would have to have been seen by prescribers in a general practice. It is the first locally commissioned service of this type to cover such a wide geographical area.  So far, 924 pharmacies across the Midlands have signed up to provide the first tier of the service, which includes a service to treat simple Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) in females and a service to treat acute bacterial conjunctivitis in patients aged 3 months to 2 years.  Data collected shows the service is saving GP appointments and reducing pressure on the NHS by freeing up GP appointments that could be used for more complex patients.  [**Learn more about the Community Pharmacy Extended Care Service**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e3b7744f43&e=12757307a1) **Regs reminder (#3): NHSmail** PSNC has begun a series of reminders about changes to the pharmacy Terms of Service that took place in late 2020. Community pharmacy contractors are advised to review these reminders in preparation for completing the 2021/22 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework survey, which will include questions on the new Terms of Service.  Yesterday we published a reminder about NHSmail. For this requirement, contractors must have a premises specific NHSmail account (with an email address using the following naming convention: ‘[**pharmacy.ODScode@nhs.net**](mailto:pharmacy.ODScode@nhs.net)’), which their staff can use to send and receive NHSmail.  [**Read our regs reminder on NHSmail**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2ae8ae6cf9&e=12757307a1) |   **Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page:**[**psnc.org.uk/coronavirus**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b671e78d7a&e=d3dc5e7fbd) |  | | |
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