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| Daily Update  |
| Friday 28th May 2021 |

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|  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams, including details of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.   In today's update: Results of PSNC's 2021 Pharmacy Advice Audit; new SSP endorsement and extension to SSP012; further regs reminders issued; remember to submit weekly C-19 test distribution service data.Pharmacies carry out 58 million consultations a yearPSNC has today published the findings of an audit of almost 6,000 community pharmacies held earlier this year, alongside a series of resources to promote the value of pharmacy advice. According to the findings of PSNC's 2021 Pharmacy Advice Audit, more than 1.1 million informal consultations a week – or 58 million a year – are conducted by community pharmacy teams in England. In almost a quarter of these informal consultations (24%), people were seeking advice about COVID-19.The audit enabled PSNC to measure the reliance that the public has had on pharmacies through the COVID-19 pandemic, and the additional pressure that this has put on pharmacy teams.This data will help demonstrate the sector’s value to the public and the NHS and support PSNC’s negotiations with HM Government. [**Read more about the audit results and download our free resources to share the audits findings**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4104c2625e&e=d19e9fd41c)New SSP endorsement introducedFrom 1st June 2021, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has approved the use of a new endorsement to claim for any supplies made in accordance with an SSP.  **The new endorsement uses the code ‘SSP’ followed by the three-digit reference number applicable to the SSP for example, SSP007 for Fluoxetine 30mg capsules would be endorsed as ‘SSP 007’**.To allow for implementation of this new SSP endorsement functionality, a transition period has been agreed to enable use of the existing ‘NCSO’ endorsement until the beginning of October 2021 (to include September SSP claims, submitted by the 5th October). During the transition period, the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) will accept either the new ‘SSP’ or existing ‘NCSO’ endorsement for any SSP claims submitted using electronic prescriptions, EPS tokens of FP10 paper prescriptions.[**Further details on the SSP endorsement change**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7bb6bbfd6b&e=d19e9fd41c)**Further extension to SSP012 for Estradot ® 75 micrograms patches**Additionally, DHSC has announced an extension to the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Estradot® 75 micrograms patches (SSP012). This SSP is now due to expire on **Friday 11th June 2021**.[**Read more about this SSP**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=41da8ea3cf&e=d19e9fd41c)Have you submitted your weekly data for the COVID-19 test distribution service?Contractors who have signed up to provide the NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service are reminded that they must record a range of information on the NHS Business Services Authority's [**Manage Your Service (MYS) portal**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=adb5570dde&e=d19e9fd41c) **by close of business on the pharmacy’s last trading day of each week**, including the wholesaler supplying the tests and the quantity of cartons received.Some contractors are forgetting to enter this data on a weekly basis, but it is critical that this data is submitted to support the monitoring of the service by NHS Test and Trace (for example, as part of the planned review of the service in June 2021) and to ensure compliance with their contractual responsibilities.[**Learn more about submitting weekly COVID-19 test distribution service data**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1f50098693&e=d19e9fd41c)Regs reminders: health campaigns and accessing EPSPSNC is continuing its series of reminders about changes to the pharmacy Terms of Service that took place in late 2020 to help contractors prepare for the 2021/22 contract monitoring process.[**Regs reminder (#5): Health campaigns**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=74a83411ac&e=d19e9fd41c) – NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) can now ask for additional information in relation to the campaign.[**Regs reminder (#6): EPS access**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=15fc1fcb17&e=d19e9fd41c) – a need to ensure constant and reliable access to the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) at the pharmacy premises during opening hours. |  |
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