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| Daily Update  |
| Tuesday 20th July 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: PSNC CEO to step down; register for CPCS IT supplier webinar; help develop new weight management referral tool.PSNC CEO Simon Dukes steps downPSNC is seeking a new Chief Executive to lead the organisation from **October 2021**, following the resignation of Simon Dukes. Simon joined PSNC in 2018 from counter-fraud organisation CIFAS and he has steered the organisation and pharmacy through a critical period. This has included leading the negotiations that led to the agreement of the five-year Contractual Framework deal, and driving PSNC’s ongoing work to support contractors through the COVID-19 pandemic.Simon will remain in post until the end of September, and he is continuing to head up PSNC’s Negotiating Team, leading their work to agree the arrangements for Year 3 of the five-year CPCF deal with the NHS and Government.PSNC’s Appointments Panel have already met to begin a recruitment process and further information will be issued in due course. This will be a critical appointment coming at a time of change for PSNC and the LPCs, and ahead of another intense period of negotiations for the sector, including looking ahead to what happens after the end of the current five-year CPCF deal.In the meantime, PSNC’s vital work supporting the sector and negotiating on its behalf will continue.[**Find out more about Simon's time as PSNC CEO**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=31173befeb&e=d19e9fd41c)CPCS IT supplier webinar for contractorsNHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) will be holding an IT supplier showcase on **22nd July 2021 (this Thursday), 7-8.30pm**, to provide community pharmacy contractors and LPCs with the opportunity to hear from the four IT suppliers that plan to align with the CPCS [**Technical Toolkit**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b2b05338ec&e=d19e9fd41c) and deliver CPCS. PSNC strongly encourages all pharmacy contractors and LPC Members to attend this event because [**from 1st October 2021, contractors must choose their CPCS IT solutions**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b16240ed2a&e=d19e9fd41c) from those offered by the validated suppliers, and must make the relevant contracting decisions well in advance of this date.[**Register for this webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7854999a96&e=d19e9fd41c)Support development of weight management referral toolPharmacy contractors are invited to participate in a focus group meeting on **Monday 26th July, 10.00am**, to support research into the development of an online interface which could enable pharmacies to pilot referring patients onto a digital weight management programme.[**Take part in this research**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ddce6775cd&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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