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|  | CPCF arrangements for 2021/22 agreed |  |
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|  | Arrangements for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) in 2021/22 have been agreed between PSNC, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), in line with the five-year CPCF deal.This follows an intensive period of negotiations, lasting around three months. During this time, PSNC's Negotiating Team fought hard to gain concessions on a number of key issues, all with the backing of the full Committee who eventually voted to accept the deal by an overwhelming majority.In negotiations on [**the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) announced earlier this month**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e573eedc09&e=d19e9fd41c), a key win for PSNC was reducing the scheme's scope so that the estimated contractor costs of delivering the criteria will be well below those associated with the original NHS proposal for the scheme.PSNC's Negotiating Team also:* Agreed more realistic targets for contractors across the scheme and in new services;
* Pushed back on service proposals that were unworkable for the sector;
* Gained additional incentive funding from outside the £2.592bn for Hypertension Case-Finding;
* Extended the Transitional Payments by a further year; and
* Won concessions around regulations, both to make changes more manageable for contractors and to gain agreement to explore changes that the sector will benefit from.

A key disappointment was HM Treasury's flat rejection of our bid for a funding uplift for the sector; this is something that PSNC will continue to pursue.Against that backdrop, the extension of the Transitional Payments for a further year was an important financial win so that these critical monies are not lost to contractors. The payments have been agreed on the basis that they will support contractors as they engage with Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and Integrated Care Systems (ICSs), and consider digital transformation and dispensing efficiencies.[**Find out more about the CPCF for 2021/22**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2533f26479&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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