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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent every Tuesday and Friday. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: C-19 cost claims update; CPCF 2021/22 webinar recording; summary of September Drug Tariff changes; PSNC website restructuring; new JCVI C-19 vaccine advice; planned DSPTK changes.COVID-19 cost claims updateWe are pleased to report that the overwhelming majority of community pharmacy contractors submitted a claim for their COVID-19 costs and that the total claimed for is significantly higher than the [**£120 million offered initially to the sector by HM Government (which PSNC rejected last summer)**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b3ac34a057&e=d19e9fd41c). The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has been processing these claims, and PSNC is now engaged in urgent discussions with them and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) about any outliers that have been identified. PSNC is also demanding that contractors receive a payment for their COVID-19 costs in time for the first repayment of last year’s Advance Payments.[**Read more about the COVID-19 cost claims process**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=da36a72c5c&e=d19e9fd41c)CPCF 2021/22 webinar now available on-demandPSNC's CPCF Year Three webinar for community pharmacy contractors is now available to watch on-demand. The online event described the funding, services and regulatory details of the 2021/22 agreement, with 97% of attendees reporting that they found it helpful.[**View an on-demand version of the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=49494591a4&e=d19e9fd41c) Summary of Drug Tariff changes for September 2021Following a number of changes to the Drug Tariff in September 2021, PSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team has produced a summary to help pharmacy contractors and their teams familiarise themselves with the information and take action accordingly.[**View the summary**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=90012539cc&e=d19e9fd41c)**New NHSBSA guidance on patient exemption checking**Following the lifting of the [**temporary suspension of signatures on prescription forms and tokens**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6bf519b304&e=d19e9fd41c) on **1 September 2021**, NHSBSA has issued guidance on exemption checking to aid pharmacy teams.[**Read the patient exemption checking guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5ff5ed4536&e=d19e9fd41c) PSNC Website: Have your say on content structurePSNC is undergoing a website overhaul and would appreciate contractors' help to reorganise our website's content structure and menu navigation. To this end, we have created a content sorting exercise to enable site users to get involved in categorising our content.[**Find out how you can get involved**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=dbda10f621&e=d19e9fd41c) JCVI advice on third dose COVID-19 vaccinationThe Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that people with severely weakened immune systems should have a third vaccine dose as part of their primary COVID-19 vaccination schedule. The Government has accepted this advice.[**Learn more about the JCVI's advice**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2d9c3eda93&e=d19e9fd41c) Future plans for Pharmacy DSPTK toolkit submissionPSNC and NHS Digital are currently updating the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPTK) and related tips. Additional user testing is also planned. If you would like to get involved with this user testing, please contact **it@psnc.org.uk**.NHS Digital may update contractors about the availability of the initial Toolkit version.However, we strongly recommend that contractors hold off accessing the Toolkit until the planned improvements have been finalised and PSNC releases its updated guidance. Contractors will still have adequate time to complete the Toolkit before the submission deadline on 30th June 2022. We will keep contractors informed of any developments. |  |
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