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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Tuesday 7th September 2021 |

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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: cashflow impact of end of PEPS; C-19 cost claims update; Hypertension Case-Finding service requirements; PQS 2021/22 webinar; PSNC website restructuring.Impact on cashflow of end of PEPSWe have now issued a briefing about the winding down of the Government’s Pharmacy Earlier Payment Scheme (PEPS). This briefing includes a cashflow model, setting out the implications of the end of the scheme for contractors affected.The document also includes timelines of the transition away from the PEPS payment timetable to help affected contractors understand when they will see the changes in their payments so that they can prepare accordingly.[**Read PSNC's PEPS cashflow briefing**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8b31fd40da&e=d19e9fd41c) COVID-19 cost claims updateWe are pleased to report that the 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 initially offered to the sector by HM Government (which PSNC rejected last summer)**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6a095b0c5d&e=d19e9fd41c). The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has been processing these claims and PSNC is now in urgent discussions with them and the Government about any outliers that have been identified. In these conversations, PSNC is also demanding that contractors receive a payment for their COVID-19 costs in time for the first repayment of last year’s Advances.[**Learn more about the COVID-19 cost claims process**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a480ddddb3&e=d19e9fd41c)Hypertension Case-Finding: equipment and trainingTo help contractors prepare to provide the new Hypertension case-finding Advanced service going live from **1st October 2021**, information about the equipment and training requirements needed to provide this service has now been published on the PSNC website.[**Visit the Hypertension Case-Finding service webpage**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=25d941f77d&e=d19e9fd41c) PQS 2021/22 webinarPSNC will be holding a webinar on **Tuesday 14th September at 7.30pm**to support contractors to take part in the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS).  During this webinar, Rosie Taylor, Head of Service Development at PSNC, will explain the new gateway criteria and domain requirements for the 2021/22 PQS. As well as describing the differences from the previous Schemes, Rosie will also outline the guidance and resources developed by PSNC, plus where to find further information and support. [**Book your place now**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a3c9440e37&e=d19e9fd41c)PSNC Website: Have your say on content structureThose working in community pharmacy are being invited to complete a content sorting exercise to help us remap our content and improve our navigation menus as part of a website overhaul.[**Complete PSNC’s website reorganisation exercise**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5593fd3a4f&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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