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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: Pharmacy Minister; C-19 LFD service changes; PQS updates; PPE reimbursement; PhAS webinar; CPCS IT webinar; PHE pharmacy briefing. Change of Pharmacy MinisterFormer Pharmacy Minister Jo Churchill MP has now moved to the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs. We would like to thank her for constructively engaging with the pharmacy sector and wish her well in her new role. It is not yet clear which of the new DHSC team will be given the pharmacy brief. Upcoming changes to COVID-19 LFD distribution serviceAn updated service specification for the NHS Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Distribution Service (Pharmacy Collect) will come into effect from **4th October 2021**.The changes reflect experiences from the rollout of the service, insight from user engagement and wider changes in Government and NHS Test and Trace policy on COVID-19 testing. PSNC's Services Team has outlined the key changes to the service specification.[**Read about the service changes**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=73b5e28487&e=d19e9fd41c) PQS updates**Webinar on-demand**PSNC’s webinar on the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) for 2021/22 is now available to watch on-demand. 96% of the webinar attendees found it helpful, and 88% reported that they would recommend it to others.[**Watch the PQS webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7ca55e9c5f&e=d19e9fd41c)**New patient safety report resource**PSNC has worked with the Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group to produce a new resource to help contractors complete their patient safety report, which is a requirement of one of the Gateway criteria of the 2021/22 PQS.[**Download this resource**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d1bf93d541&e=d19e9fd41c) PhAS webinarPSNC will be holding a webinar for community pharmacy contractors about the updated Pharmacy Access Scheme (PhAS) on **Tuesday 21st September, from 7.30pm**. During this, PSNC's Director of Operations and Support, Gordon Hockey, will talk contractors through the changes to the scheme that will come into effect from January 2022.[**Register for this webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2315bc519f&e=d19e9fd41c) PPE reimbursement: Appeals process deadlineFollowing the claim based reimbursement process earlier this year for PPE expenditure during the pandemic, an appeals process has been set out in the September 2021 Drug Tariff. This process is only available where claims have been made and they have been rejected or reduced in value – new or increased claims will not be accepted. The deadline for submitting these appeals is **30th September 2021**. Full details are in the [**September 2021 Drug Tariff**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7912e6ea14&e=d19e9fd41c) (see Part VIA Clause 13) CPCS IT provision: Support for switchoverNHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have issued further support for the transfer of the cost of Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) IT solutions to pharmacy contractors. This includes publishing a new switching guide and organising another webinar on the subject.[**View the support for the CPCS IT switchover**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6cbacf90eb&e=d19e9fd41c) PHE pharmacy briefing on combating health inequalitiesPublic Health England (PHE) has produced a briefing highlighting the unique role that pharmacy teams can play in helping to address health inequalities. This briefing may be useful for those contractors who are planning on working towards achieving the 'Addressing unwarranted variation in care' Domain of the PQS. [**Read the PHE briefing**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=aaa01b017a&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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