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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: funding to support community pharmacy integration; PSNC PNA guidance published; pharmacy IT survey; how PSNC promoted pharmacy in 2020/21.NHSE&I announces support for community pharmacy integrationNHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have announced funding for Integrated Care System (ICS) based community pharmacy integration leads. Money from the [**Pharmacy Integration Fund (PhIF)**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=58408707c7&e=d19e9fd41c) will be used to fund the leads for two years, from 2022/23. These leads will be instrumental in spearheading the implementation of community pharmacy services locally and help support the ICS transition.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=420e2c1568&e=d19e9fd41c) PSNC PNA guidance for LPCs publishedPSNC has published guidance on Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs). This guidance aims to assist Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) engagement with the development of PNAs. The guidance includes information on LPCs role in the development of PNAs, the information requirements for PNAs from a community pharmacy perspective, and top tips for LPCs to consider.PSNC has also produced a long and short questionnaire for LPCs to use to gather information on the services offered by their contractors, to help inform LPCs discussions on PNA development.[**Read PSNC's PNA guidance and download the questionnaires**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=acb013c4fd&e=d19e9fd41c) Share your views on Pharmacy IT infrastructure PSNC, working with the Community Pharmacy IT Group ([**CP ITG**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3db36c0df8&e=d19e9fd41c)), has launched a short survey to gather feedback about community pharmacy IT infrastructure.The results of this survey will help shape the digital priorities of the CP ITG and system suppliers going forward. All responses will be anonymous, and will be shared with Patient Medication Record (PMR) system suppliers.[**Complete the survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=658fd69929&e=d19e9fd41c) 2020/21: Promoting PharmacyA key aspect of PSNC’s role is communicating with audiences outside of pharmacy – such as politicians, charities, and national media – to build support and gain advocates who can champion the sector on our behalf.During 2020/21, PSNC conducted audits to calculate the value of the informal patient consultations that happen in community pharmacy, worked with the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Pharmacy to launch an inquiry into the pressures of COVID-19 on the sector, and collaborated with other healthcare bodies to call for a national self-care strategy. You can learn more about PSNC’s work to promote pharmacy in our Annual Report.[**See PSNC's annual report online**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6e4543ba64&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Watch the annual report through video**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=871c65585c&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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