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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: Pharmacy Advice Audit starts soon; LFD supply update; new SSP issued; IPC guidance reminder.Pharmacy Advice Audit 2022: Starts next weekCommunity pharmacy contractors and their teams are reminded that PSNC’s third Pharmacy Advice Audit is due to be held in w/c 31st January 2022. The audit results will help demonstrate how pharmacies are supporting their communities every day and assist PSNC in gathering critical evidence for use in our funding discussions with HM Government and the NHS.As in previous years, the audit has been designed to be as straightforward as possible, and it can be carried out in just a single day in the week commencing Monday 31st January. We hope to receive data from as many pharmacy teams as possible to build a strong evidence base, and would be hugely grateful to anyone who can take part in the audit.[**Learn more about the 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=04e0cac2c5&e=d19e9fd41c) Additional LFD test stock availableThe Pharmacy Collect team has told PSNC that pharmacy orders for Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits in some locations have now decreased. As a result, they are able to work with Alliance Healthcare to supply extra stock to pharmacies still experiencing higher demand for test kits. Community pharmacy contractors requiring extra stocks of LFD test kits for their pharmacies can now request up to three additional cartons of test kits by emailing the Pharmacy Collect team at **pharmacy.collect.queries@dhsc.gov.uk**. Contractors will need to provide the pharmacy name, address, ODS code, Alliance Healthcare customer account number and the number of cartons required, with three cartons being the maximum.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=302bb01754&e=d19e9fd41c)New SSP issuedThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Paracetamol 120mg and 240mg suppositories. **SSP015** provides that for every Paracetamol 120mg or 240mg suppository originally prescribed, one Paracetamol 125mg or 250mg suppository **must** be supplied.[**Read more about SSP015**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d38f05c077&e=d19e9fd41c) IPC guidance still applies to pharmaciesWe would like to remind community pharmacy teams that the UK Health Security Agency's (UKHSA's) infection prevention control (IPC) guidance continues to apply to patients and staff within healthcare settings, including community pharmacy, to ensure that everyone is protected. Resources supporting the IPC guidance, including posters to use at entrances to notify visitors that they must wear a face covering, are available for download.[**Download the IPC guidance resources**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=edbaa650b9&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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