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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 21st February 2022 |

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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: Free COVID tests to end; please take part in Advice Audit; referred back prescriptions now available digitally; Alimentum & EleCare formula recall.Expected changes to Pharmacy Collect serviceThe Government has today announced plans to stop providing free COVID tests to most members of the public from 1st April 2022.This announcement will have implications for the NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device (LFD) distribution service (known publicly as Pharmacy Collect). PSNC had already been discussing the various possible scenarios for the service with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) over recent weeks, ahead of ministerial decisions on the future of LFD supply.Ministers made final decisions on COVID testing today and PSNC will be discussing the implications of these, and we will update pharmacy teams as soon as possible.[**Learn more about the Government's plans**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=447f690acc&e=d19e9fd41c)Please help with our Pharmacy Advice AuditPSNC has extended the participation period for the 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit to **Friday 11th March 2022**, so there is still time to take part and submit your data.Your involvement will provide critical evidence for use in PSNC's funding discussions with HM Government and the NHS. We need as many pharmacy teams as possible to take part and this is your chance to have a direct impact on the case being made for community pharmacy.[**Read more about PSNC's Advice Audit**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=826d4e97c2&e=d19e9fd41c)Receive referred back and disallowed items via MYSContractors signed up to the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal can receive their referred back (prescription returns) and disallowed items digitally using the portal instead of these being received via the post from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA).Using MYS for receiving digital referred back and disallowed items means contractors can provide the information required to processes referred back items faster and submit a challenge for any disallowed items electronically, as well as tracking their progress.[**Learn more, including how to request these digitally**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cd93e6e681&e=d19e9fd41c)Voluntary recall for Alimentum and EleCare powder formulaAbbott has issued a proactive voluntary recall of some powder formulas – Alimentum and EleCare. Patients currently using these products are asked to immediately discontinue use and contact the prescriber for a suitable alternative.[**Find out more about the recall**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a6d9bf03b2&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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