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|  | This additional newsletter from PSNC is being sent as it contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: Pharmacy Collect update; Smoking Cessation Service start date; new PPE ordering portal.Pharmacy Collect: update for contractorsFree mass testing for COVID-19 is due to end from 1st April 2022. Consequently, **31st March 2022**will be the last day that the Pharmacy Collect service will operate.Community pharmacy contractors have unsurprisingly witnessed an increase in requests for test kits over the last few days, resulting in temporary out of stocks in some distribution centres. However, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has confirmed today that they continue to have good stock levels and is planning future deliveries across all test distribution channels.PSNC, the UKHSA and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) are working together on the final plans for the end of the service, which will be announced as soon as possible.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=732dbcd612&e=d19e9fd41c)Smoking Cessation Service start date announcedThe new Smoking Cessation Service (SCS) will officially commence on **10th March 2022**and contractors will be able to register to provide the service on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal from 1st March 2022.The service is the second of the two new Advanced services to be introduced this financial year (the first being the Hypertension case-finding service) as one of the agreed outcomes from negotiations for Year 3 of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework. A draft version of the SCS service specification is now available and PSNC has published a range of resources to support contractors.[**Read more and download our SCS resources**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2d04e97b57&e=d19e9fd41c)Launch of a new PPE ordering portalIn partnership with the NHS Supply Chain, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is launching a new personal protective equipment (PPE) portal platform. Its launch will continue to ensure free access to PPE and related items for eligible users, including community pharmacy teams, until the end of March 2023.  [**Learn more about the new PPE portal**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b8dde1f55d&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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