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| PSNC Newsletter |
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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: PSNC Policy Team blog published; securing earlier advance payment; PQS declaration updates; SSP014 reactivated; new section of Drug Tariff.February Policy Team blog publishedIn February's Policy Team blog, PSNC's Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Zoe Long, reflects on the publication of the Government's 'Living with COVID' strategy and what this means for pharmacies as negotiations on Year 4 of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) begin.[**Read PSNC's latest Policy Team blog**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8eb196b270&e=d19e9fd41c) Submit FP34C by 5th March for earlier advance paymentIn order to secure earlier advance payments on the 10th March 2022, community pharmacy contractors are reminded of the requirement to submit FP34Cs through the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal byno later than the **5th March 2022**. Once the FP34C is submitted electronically, contractors must print their completed submission document from MYS and enclose it with their monthly prescription bundle. Although a printout of the completed declaration needs to be included with the bundle, contractors should note that it is the figures declared within the MYS portal that will be used as their FP34C declaration.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6266e00784&e=d19e9fd41c)PQS updates **PQS declaration window closes soon**Over 7,200 contractors have already made their declaration for the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS). For those that haven't, please note that the deadline is **11.59pm this Wednesday (2nd March 2022)**. [**Read more about making a PQS declaration**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ceb93684c0&e=d19e9fd41c)**ESPAUR antibiotic checklist data published** Contractors can now use a spreadsheet from the English surveillance programme for antimicrobial utilisation and resistance (ESPAUR) to help determine whether they meet the Prevention domain of the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS).  [**View the antibiotic checklist data**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=60b1690311&e=d19e9fd41c)SSP014 reactivatedIn response to significant ongoing disruption to the supply of Salazopyrin 500mg EN-Tabs, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has reactivated the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for this product, SSP014. From today, SSP014 provides that for every Salazopyrin EN-Tabs 500mg tablet originally prescribed, one Sulfasalazine 500mg gastro-resistant (GR) tablet must be supplied. [**Find out more about SSP014**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=edd1bff3b4&e=d19e9fd41c)Specials added to a new section of the Drug TariffWe would like to remind community pharmacy teams, that from March 2022, the Drug Tariff will include a new section, Part VIIID. This section will outline the payment arrangements for specials and imported unlicensed medicines (primarily unlicensed tablets/capsules) to be paid relative to a commonly identified pack size.[**Read more about the changes to the Drug Tariff**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2dc42b6aed&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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