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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: Please take part in Advice Audit; medicines recall notice; recent PSNC briefings.Pharmacy Advice Audit: Please take partPSNC is calling on all community pharmacy teams to take part in the 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit this week to help gather as much data as possible for use in negotiations. This is now the **final week of the audit**, and we need as many teams as possible to take part over the next four days.The Advice Audit provides invaluable information and statistics for PSNC to use to support its arguments in negotiations. Policymakers have been receptive to large datasets in the past, so we need as many pharmacy teams to take part in the audit as possible to strengthen our evidence base.We would be very grateful to anyone that can submit their audit data via PharmOutcomes by **23.59 this Friday (11th March)**. [**Learn more about the audit**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d45a5e0f53&e=d19e9fd41c)PSNC's Director of Pharmacy Funding, Mike Dent, described the importance of the audit in gathering data for negotiations and campaigning work in a recent video update.[**Watch our video on the importance of the audit**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a779b606a2&e=d19e9fd41c)Class 2 Medicines Recall noticeThe Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a class 2 medicines recall for **Diazepam RecTubes 2.5mg Rectal Solution**. The producer, Wockhardt UK Ltd is recalling a batch of this product due to an out of specification result during routine stability testing.Contractors are advised to stop supplying the specified batch immediately, quarantine all remaining stock and return it using your supplier’s approved process.[**Find out more about this recall**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8d0e80b7d3&e=d19e9fd41c) Recent PSNC Briefings The team at PSNC regularly issues briefings and factsheets which bring together key information and guidance on current topics. Below we have provided details of those published in the last month. [**Guidance on the Smoking Cessation Service**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9ca1b51fde&e=d19e9fd41c)This briefing provides guidance for community pharmacy contractors and their teams on the Smoking Cessation Service (SCS). Before reading this briefing, contractors are advised to read the service specification to ensure that they are familiar with and can meet the requirements of the service. This briefing should be read in association with our [**briefing for pharmacy teams**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b0f9c38807&e=d19e9fd41c) on the SCS and our [**checklist**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7e2bf7e1b8&e=d19e9fd41c) on implementing the service.[**Guidance on Part VIIID of the Drug Tariff**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e2983e2f61&e=d19e9fd41c)This briefing provides information on the new Part VIIID section of the Drug Tariff and includes a table comparing the main differences between Drug Tariff-listed (Part VIIIB and Part VIIID) and non-Tariff specials.[**Read more PSNC briefings**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5538c20de7&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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