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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.CPCS IT contracting arrangements changing in April; Cyber Security resilience request.CPCS IT contracting arrangements will change on 1st April 2022The national provision of NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) IT solutions will end on 31st March 2022. From 1st April 2022, pharmacy contractors are responsible for securing a new contractual agreement with an assured IT supplier of their choosing. The NHSE&I [**CPCS IT Provider ‘Switching/confirming guide’**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8d58217469&e=d19e9fd41c) explains the options are:1. **Switch** to another CPCS IT provider (you should inform them well in advance so they can confirm the switch has been successful); or
2. **Stay** with existing CPCS IT provider (you should notify them so they can confirm a new service agreement with you)

[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=53c1abfbd0&e=d19e9fd41c)National Cyber Security Centre resilience requestThe National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has urged organisations to bolster their cyber security resilience in response to the malicious cyber incidents in and around Ukraine and recently issued guidance that encourages organisations to consider steps that reduce the risk of falling victim to a cyber attack. Community pharmacy contractors are also reminded of the following PSNC briefings, which contain important information on how to improve data and cyber security for pharmacies:* [**Ten steps to improve cyber security within your pharmacy**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=dd5349920f&e=d19e9fd41c); and
* [**Cyber security tips IT factsheet**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b4f6ce3137&e=d19e9fd41c).
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