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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 responds to Spring Statement; New PSNC CEO issues first blog; NHS Profile Manager launch delayed; updated antibiotic checklist data for PQS; pharmacy IT arrangements survey.2022 Spring Statement: Financial concerns remain for pharmaciesChancellor Rishi Sunak has today delivered his Spring Statement to Parliament, against a backdrop of rises in the cost of living. As is usually the case, there was no specific mention of community pharmacy in the statement.  PSNC remains very concerned about the chronic underfunding of community pharmacy, including the imminent loss in income from the winding down of some of the COVID-related services. This underfunding is a key focus for PSNC in the ongoing Year 4 Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) negotiations, in which we have made another bid for a funding uplift for the sector. [**Read PSNC's full response to the Spring Statement**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=35f2afddc7&e=d19e9fd41c)CEO BlogIn her first update to the sector, PSNC's recently appointed CEO, Janet Morrison, reflects on what she has learned so far. Whilst being hugely impressed by the work of community pharmacy contractors and their teams, she is also keenly aware of the severe pressure they are under.Janet notes that there are no easy solutions and that despite PSNC strongly making the case on contractors' capacity and funding, the negotiations for Year 4 of the five-year CPCF are unlikely to be easy.[**Read the latest PSNC CEO blog**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=02478fed53&e=d19e9fd41c) Launch of NHS Profile Manager delayedThe new NHS Profile Manager will no longer launch this month (March 2022). A new go-live date has not currently been announced, but PSNC will inform community pharmacy contractors when we have more information.  While awaiting the launch of the NHS Profile Manager, contractors should continue to update the information on **both** their NHS website profile and Directory of Services (DoS) Profile.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2dc9fa0983&e=d19e9fd41c)PQS: Updated ESPAUR antibiotic checklist dataThe NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has published an updated spreadsheet from the English surveillance programme for antimicrobial utilisation and resistance (ESPAUR) showing the number of antibiotic checklists that have been submitted via the portal application for each community pharmacy contractor. Submitting this data is a requirement of the Prevention domain of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS). [**View the antibiotic checklist data**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=91051b51a8&e=d19e9fd41c)Pharmacy IT arrangements survey closing soonPSNC, working with the Community Pharmacy IT Group ([**CP ITG**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=02f5f07f42&e=d19e9fd41c)), is currently running a survey to gather feedback from pharmacy teams about community pharmacy IT arrangements. This survey will close in early April. The survey results will help shape the priorities of the CP ITG and system suppliers in the future. [**Complete the survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e900e2c090&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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