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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: Government round table on HRT medicines supply; PSNC IG Toolkit guidance and webinar; Prince of Wales praises pharmacy teams.HRT medicines supply: Government holds round tableCommunity pharmacy representatives have attended a Government meeting about disruptions to the supply of Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) medicines. This follows growing public concern about the difficulty of obtaining HRT drugs. The round table discussion was convened by the Health and Social Care Secretary Sajid Javid. Manufacturers and suppliers of a range of HRT products were present, and attendees from Government included Head of the new HRT Supply Taskforce Madelaine McTernan and Women’s health minister Maria Caulfield. Representatives from across the community pharmacy sector shared their experiences of the situation, with several PSNC Committee Members invited to attend.Topics of discussion included the work being undertaken by all sides and the measures that are already in place to try and mitigate the situation, as well as reviewing what further steps could be taken.[**Find out more and read the joint statement from attendees**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=129d60dec7&e=d19e9fd41c)Data Security & Protection Toolkit: new PSNC guidance available and upcoming webinarPSNC has published new guidance to help community pharmacy contractors to complete the 2021/22 Data Security and Protection Toolkit. The Toolkit is used to make a pharmacy’s information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed by **30th June 2022**. However, contractors are recommended to complete the Toolkit as soon as possible. PSNC has collaborated with NHS Digital to keep the workload associated with Toolkit completion manageable for contractors whilst ensuring the appropriate data security protections remain in place.[**Read PSNC's Toolkit guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9217fbd412&e=d19e9fd41c)To further support contractors with completing the Toolkit, PSNC will be holding a webinar on **Tuesday 24th May at 7.00pm**. During the webinar, which will last for approximately 45 minutes, representatives from PSNC and NHS Digital will discuss the Toolkit questions, talk delegates through the available guidance and answer questions.[**Register for the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b5079860f3&e=d19e9fd41c)The Prince of Wales congratulates community pharmacy teams for their pandemic effortsOn Wednesday evening, His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales paid tribute to the incredible efforts of community pharmacy teams throughout the COVID-19 pandemic during a special reception at St James’s Palace.Over two hundred pharmacists, pharmacy staff and other health service representatives attended the reception, including PSNC’s CEO Janet Morrison and Vice Chair Bharat Patel. The event was held, in part, to mark the NPA’s recent centenary.In his speech, The Prince of Wales praised “the dedication and professionalism of pharmacy staff” during the pandemic and said, “I very much hope that this evening’s event will help, a little bit, to highlight the marvellous work you do in your communities day in and day out.”[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f16486c44c&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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