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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 16th May 2022 |

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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: NHS prescription charges frozen; two weeks until vote on proposals to improve PSNC and LPCs; webinar on Data Security & Protection Toolkit.NHS prescription charges to remain at £9.35 per item for 2022/23The Department of Health and Social Care has now announced that NHS prescription charges in England will remain frozen for the rest of 2022/23. This follows a previous comment that the NHS prescription charge would not be uplifted on 1st April 2022.This means that charges for prescriptions will **remain at £9.35 for a single charge**, and the cost of prescription prepayment certificates (PPCs) will also remain unchanged at £30.25 for 3 months and £108.10 for 12 months. PSNC has updated its usual Prescription Charge Card and PPC poster to help community pharmacies communicate the current charges to patients.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cadaf5d34e&e=d19e9fd41c)RSG: Less than two weeks until contractor vote opensThe Review Steering Group (RSG) is reminding community pharmacy contractors that a contractor vote on proposals to improve PSNC and LPCs will open on Friday 27th May.In an email update issued last week, the RSG urged contractors to engage with the process. The Group also described some of the support available to help contractors understand its proposals, including:* [**An additional national briefing event**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a312b308b0&e=d19e9fd41c) to be held on Tuesday 7th June at 7pm;
* [**Answers to clarification questions**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=444aca1c14&e=d19e9fd41c); and
* [**Animations about the proposals**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b1b0aa3e0b&e=d19e9fd41c).

[**Read more on the RSG website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=528deadb94&e=d19e9fd41c)Data Security & Protection Toolkit webinarPSNC will be holding a webinar next week to help community pharmacy contractors with completing the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2021/22.During the webinar, representatives from PSNC and NHS Digital will discuss the Toolkit questions, talk delegates through the available guidance materials and answer questions about making the declaration.[**Register for the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fa835d2b28&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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