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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 15th June 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: Hypertension Case-Finding Service updates; vote now on proposals for future of PSNC and LPCs; antimicrobial stewardship activities survey; advice on staying health in the heat.Over 100K pharmacy blood pressure checks providedCommunity pharmacy contractors providing the NHS Hypertension Case-Finding Service have carried out over **100,000** blood pressure checks since the start of the service in October 2021. The number of contractors providing the service also continues to rise, with over **7,200** community pharmacy contractors already signed up to provide the service.[**Find out more, including PSNC resources on the service**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=400b9ad74c&e=d19e9fd41c)**Daily claiming now available for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service**The NHS Business Services Authority has advised contractors that claims for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service can now be entered each day onto the Manage Your Service (MYS) platform.The change means that contractors can submit service activity daily throughout the month. However, contractors still need to review and submit their data by the 5th of the following month.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b19c89aa2d&e=d19e9fd41c)Vote now on the proposals for the future of community pharmacy representationContractors are reminded that they have until **23.59 on Friday 17th June 2022** to vote on the Pharmacy Review Steering Group proposals for the future of PSNC and the LPCs.To help contractors to make an informed decision when voting, the RSG has produced several resources including a two-page summary, explanatory animations, and answers to contractors' questions in various formats.[**View all the information and resources on the RSG's website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=64bde99211&e=d19e9fd41c) Share your views on the antimicrobial stewardship activitiesContractors and their teams are invited to complete a short voluntary survey about the TARGET antibiotic checklist and the other antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) activities that were part of the Prevention Domain of the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS).The survey, which has been created by the English surveillance programme for antimicrobial utilisation and resistance (ESPAUR), is open to all community pharmacy staff. This includes those who did not meet the Prevention Domain requirements and those who did not participate in PQS, as ESPAUR would like to understand the barriers and challenges faced.[**Complete the survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=beb0368586&e=d19e9fd41c) Staying healthy in the heat – advice for patientsThe UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has issued a [**heat-health alert**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0c8187508a&e=d19e9fd41c) for the next few days. During this heatwave, the public may turn to community pharmacy teams for advice. PSNC has previously developed materials that may be used by pharmacy teams to communicate relevant messages contained in the Heatwave Plan for England and NHS guidance on how to cope in hot weather. [**Download the resources**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=508ed26cc8&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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