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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: Pharmacy's funding and workforce challenges highlighted to Health Select Committee; MPs raise concerns about the future of pharmacies; new Health Secretary appointed; end to printing of FP34Cs.Pharmacy bodies highlight untenable funding and workforce challenges to Health Select CommitteePharmacy bodies, including PSNC, have written to the Health and Social Care Select Committee to highlight their continued concerns about the ongoing funding and workforce challenges that the community pharmacy sector faces. The letter urges Committee Chair and former Health Secretary the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP to ensure these challenges are recognised as part of the Committee’s ongoing inquiry into the recruitment and retention of health and social care staff. It also urges the Committee to hold the Government to account on these funding and workforce challenges.[**Find out more and read the joint letter**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e065b90682&e=d19e9fd41c)MPs raise concerns about the future of pharmaciesYesterday, PSNC co-hosted a Future of Pharmacy event in Westminster to highlight the significant contribution of pharmacies to the health of the nation and their potential to do more to address ongoing healthcare challenges.  53 Parliamentarians attended the event to hear directly from frontline pharmacists and representatives of pharmacy bodies about the potential for community pharmacies to help the NHS address current challenges such as healthcare backlogs and waiting lists in primary care. [**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e4873ef696&e=d19e9fd41c)Steve Barclay becomes new Health SecretaryThe Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP has been appointed as the new Secretary of State for Health and Social Care following the resignation of Sajid Javid.Mr Barclay has been the Conservative MP for North East Cambridgeshire since 2010. He previously had a brief stint as a Heath Minister, which involved responsibility for NHS workforce and finance. PSNC looks forward to working closely with the new Secretary of State to further dialogue about the future role and funding of community pharmacy.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=83958eada4&e=d19e9fd41c) Reminder: new Account Identifier Document for submission of paper prescriptionsFrom August 2022 (for July 2022 prescriptions), contractors will no longer need to print and submit a paper copy of their completed FP34C declaration. Instead, the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) will post out a paper Account Identifier Document to pharmacies, along with the usual red separators and pharmacy address labels each month.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=196aa37869&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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