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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: 50-64 year olds to be included in Flu vac service; HRT SSP endorsement errors; process announced for PSNC Regional Representative election.Flu vac service: 50-64 year olds will now be includedThe Government has announced that everyone aged 50 and over will be among those offered a COVID-19 booster and a flu vaccination this autumn, reversing their previous decision not to include the 50-64 years old cohort within the annual flu vaccination programme. The announcement says the 50-64 years old cohort will only be eligible once more vulnerable groups have been offered vaccination, including those aged 65 years and over and those in clinical risk groups. PSNC is discussing the practical implications of this decision with the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England, ahead of the publication of the service specification for the 2022/23 Flu Vaccination Service.These discussions include the availability of additional flu vaccine for order, as in March this year, many contractors reduced their orders following the Government’s original decision that the 50-64 years old cohort would not be included in this year’s flu vaccination programme.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=beb9f8005a&e=d19e9fd41c)Contractor notice: HRT SSP endorsement errorsPSNC has been working with the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) to understand whether claims for the 13 Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) are being submitted correctly and in accordance with the specific supporting guidance for each SSP.Between 1st April and 31st May 2022, the NHSBSA received several electronic SSP claims which did not meet the necessary requirements for a valid SSP. To ensure correct payments for SSP claims are submitted, PSNC’s Dispensing and Supply Team has created some flow charts to assist pharmacists in selecting the correct SSP for HRT medicines. [**Learn more about HRT SSP endorsement errors**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=487c483b73&e=d19e9fd41c) Process announced for PSNC North-East and Cumbria Regional Representative electionPSNC has now announced the process for the regional representative election for the North-East and Cumbria region. This follows Mark Burdon’s resignation from the Committee earlier this year. Independent chemists from the North-East and Cumbria region and members or officers of the LPCs within this area are eligible to stand for election as the next regional representative. PSNC has produced a briefing that outlines the election process as well as the actions required by those who wish to stand for election. [**Read the briefing**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cc4a420676&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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