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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 18th July 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: Deadline to express interest in providing C-19 autumn vac booster programme; CPAF screening process has now begun; pharmacy in the press; staying healthy in the heat.Deadline to submit expression of interest to provide C-19 autumn vaccine booster programmeCommunity pharmacy contractors that are not currently commissioned to provide COVID vaccinations but wish to participate in phase 5 of the vaccination programme are reminded to express an interest by **5pm on 20th July 2022**.PSNC's Services Team has published a checklist to help contractors to decide whether to submit an expression of interest to provide the Community Pharmacy National Enhanced Service COVID-19 Vaccination Programme: Phase 5 – 2022/23.[**Read the checklist**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4752d6d97d&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Submit an expression of interest**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=575625617f&e=d19e9fd41c)Any contractor having issues accessing the form is advised to click on the link rather than pasting it into a browser. If the issue continues, it is suggested that you try accessing via another PC or browser. You may also wish to contact the NHS England Team for further advice: **england.pccovidvaccine@nhs.net**.CPAF screening process starts todayThe 2022/23 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire is now available for completion. It opened this morning (Monday 18th July 2022) and will close at midnight on Wednesday 31st August 2022.As a result of NHS regulations introduced at the end of 2020, completion of CPAF is now a requirement of the Terms of Service. Therefore, contractors must complete the screening questionnaire and, if required, the full CPAF questionnaire. Community pharmacies should have already received information and instructions on how to complete the screening questionnaire either via an email from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) or from their own Head Office.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8c28e5f32c&e=d19e9fd41c)Pharmacy in the pressFollowing the Government's announcement at the end of last week that [**50-64 year olds will now be offered a COVID-19 booster and a flu vaccination this autumn**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8833f44173&e=d19e9fd41c), the Telegraph has reported on concerns that there could be a shortage of flu vaccinations. PSNC's Director of NHS Services is quoted as saying: "The latest volte-face by the Government means contractors need to undertake further work, potentially undoing what they did earlier in the year".[**Read the Telegraph article**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ee9cb4f913&e=d19e9fd41c)Staying healthy in the heat – advice for patientsAs temperatures climb again, the public may continue to turn to community pharmacy teams for advice. We would like to remind you of some materials that PSNC has previously developed materials to help communicate relevant messages contained in the Heatwave Plan for England and NHS guidance on how to cope in hot weather.[**Download the heatwave resources**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c848042647&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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