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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: Flu vaccine service spec published; petition to protect pharmacy staff from abuse; NHSmail FAQs; time to review NHS website and DoS profiles.Flu vaccine service specification published and changes to training requirementsThis year's flu vaccination service specification has been published by NHS England, with the national Patient Group Direction (PGD) and a national protocol to support provision of flu vaccinations due to be published shortly.[**Read the new Flu vaccine service specification**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b1064c1c14&e=d19e9fd41c)**Changes to Flu vaccine service training requirements**As described in the service specification, pharmacists and other vaccinators providing the Flu Vaccination Service now only need to attend face-to-face training for both injection technique and basic life support training periodically. Contractors and vaccinators will now need to consider when it would be appropriate to attend refresher training[**Learn more about the new training requirements**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c47317529a&e=d19e9fd41c) Pharmacy bodies call on Government to protect pharmacists from violence at workPSNC, in collaboration with the other national pharmacy bodies, is supporting an important petition calling for the Government and NHS leaders to act to keep pharmacists safe from violence and abuse.The petition was started by Mike Hewitson, a community pharmacist who has been threatened with stabbing and robbed in his own pharmacy. PSNC and the other national pharmacy bodies strongly believe that no healthcare professional should have to deal with abuse, and that pharmacists should be better protected.[**Sign the petition**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6a9763d0a6&e=d19e9fd41c) New NHSmail FAQs PSNC's Services Team has received a significant number of NHSmail queries since the launch of the NHS Profile Manager tool, which uses NHSmail to allow pharmacy team members access. To support contractors, PSNC has now collated and published responses to some of the frequently asked questions.[**See the list of FAQs and PSNC's NHSmail top tips**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c1aefe10cd&e=d19e9fd41c) Reminder to update NHS website and DoS profileContractors are reminded of the Terms of Service requirement to ensure they verify and, where necessary, update the information contained in their NHS website profile and their Directory of Services (DoS) profile at least once each quarter of the financial year. For the current financial quarter, the deadline for completing this is **30th September 2022**.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f8f2ab0bfa&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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