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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 22nd August 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: Price Concessions webinar; CPAF screening deadline approaching; flu vac service FAQs.Book now for PSNC’s Price Concessions Webinar PSNC's Director of Pharmacy Funding, Mike Dent, and Drug Tariff and Reimbursement Manager, Suraj Shah, will be hosting a PSNC webinar about price concessions on **Wednesday 7th September at 7.30pm.** PSNC recognises that medicines supply and pricing issues are putting significantly increased pressure on community pharmacy contractors and their teams. We are taking steps to support contractors through a series of guidance materials. Our latest support comes in the form of a webinar that aims to explain more about how concession prices are reached.The webinar will help address a range of questions, including how price concessions are negotiated, what the impact of price concessions is on overall funding, and how PSNC is working to improve the price concessions system.[**Register for the price concessions webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e98369ee79&e=d19e9fd41c) Just over a week left to complete CPAF screening survey Community pharmacy contractors have just over a week left to complete the Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire before the deadline of **midnight on Wednesday 31st August 2022.**  PSNC recommends that any contractor who has yet to do so takes immediate action. It should only take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete.  [**Learn more about the CPAF screening survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a78a4ccf8c&e=d19e9fd41c)

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| Have you seen our latest FAQs? |

PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams, and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions on training for the **Flu vaccination service** include:**Q. What are the knowledge and skills required in order to provide a vaccination service?****A.**The [**National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training for Registered Healthcare Practitioners**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=76de7b1f08&e=d19e9fd41c) set out the knowledge and skills that healthcare professionals undertaking vaccination services need to have. NHS England has determined that pharmacists providing the Flu Vaccination Service need to attend face-to-face training for both injection technique and basic life support training periodically.Contractors and vaccinators need to consider when it would be appropriate to attend refresher training or if ongoing competence of an individual vaccinator can be evidenced, without the need for face-to-face training. An individual’s continued competence may be influenced by their prior experience vaccinating patients, including the overall number of vaccines administered and the regularity with which they administer vaccines.The standards recommend that immunisers keep a portfolio of completed competency checklists, knowledge test score sheets, reflective logs, completion of e-learning course certificates and certificates of attendance at immunisation training courses and updates. This will provide vaccinators with a means to be able to show evidence of completion of training and achievement of competence to both current and future employers. It will also provide useful evidence of continuing professional development for professional revalidation.**Q. I completed face-to-face training covering injection technique and basic life support last year, but I have been told that unless I vaccinated over a specific number of patients last year I will need to redo the training again this year. Does this apply to the NHS Advanced Flu Vaccination Service?** **A.** No, this does not apply to the NHS Advanced Flu Vaccination Service. NHS England has determined that pharmacists providing the Flu Vaccination Service need to attend face-to-face training for both injection technique and basic life support training periodically, irrespective of how many vaccines are administered each year.If you are providing private flu vaccinations (not as part of the NHS Advanced Flu Vaccination Service) there may be minimum activity requirements in order for your training to be valid; this should be verified with the private PGD provider.Further information can be found in PSNC's [**Flu Vaccination Service hub**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a5329eec39&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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