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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 31st 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: Call for support with rising utility bills; CPAF screening deadline; dispensing and supply updates; inform new healthcare IT standard; closure of GPhC temporary register.PSNC calls for urgent support with rising utility billsFollowing the latest announcement of an increase in the energy price cap, PSNC has once again called on the Government to provide urgent financial support for community pharmacies. As many contractors are now bracing themselves for significant rises in their energy bills, we have been pressing the issue of increasing costs, amongst other pressures, in negotiations. PSNC Chief Executive Janet Morrison has also written to Ministers about the issues that the sector is facing twice over the past month.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=50d91139be&e=d19e9fd41c)CPAF screening survey deadline todayCommunity pharmacy contractors are reminded that you have until **23.59 tonight** to complete the Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening survey. We recommend that any contractor who has yet to complete the CPAF screening questionnaire takes immediate action. It should take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete.[**Learn more about CPAF**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=67c5c9e8e0&e=d19e9fd41c) Dispensing and supply updatesPSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team has issued the following notices to make sure contractors and pharmacy teams are aware of topical issues. This month’s**Drug Tariff Watch**includes details of additions, deletions and category and price changes: [**See the September 2022 Drug Tariff Watch**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b76c774ae1&e=d19e9fd41c)**Contractors are recommended to send paper prescriptions for August to** the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) at the earliest opportunity to mitigate against planned strike action by the Communication Workers Union (CWU).The **Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Lipitor® 10mg chewable tablets (SSP032)**has been extended to **Friday 2nd September 2022**: [**Learn more about SSPs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1cdd5140f0&e=d19e9fd41c)Help develop the new NHS Booking and Referral StandardPSNC and NHS Digital are encouraging community pharmacy teams to share their views on the new Booking and Referral Standard (BaRS). BaRS is an interoperability standard for healthcare IT systems which should enable booking and referral information to be sent to or from care providers quickly, safely and in a format useful to clinicians.[**Find out how to get involved**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=949e40122e&e=d19e9fd41c) Closure of the GPhC temporary registerThe General Pharmaceutical Council's (GPhC's) temporary register for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians will close on **30th September 2022**. This means that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians on the temporary register will no longer be able to practise after this date, without joining the GPhC's main register.[**Find out how to re-join the GPhC's permanent register**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1d6b828be5&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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