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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 7th September 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: PSNC contacts new Government team; price concessions webinar; BOPA cancer training; flu vaccination FAQs.****New Prime Minister and Health Secretary appointed****PSNC has begun work to engage with the new Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, welcoming them to their roles and ensuring they are aware of the immense value of the community pharmacy sector.Liz Truss, MP for South West Norfolk, was formally appointed as Prime Minister by HM the Queen yesterday and she selected Thérèse Coffey, MP for Suffolk Coastal, as her Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.PSNC has already been in contact with this new Government team to ensure they know both the value of community pharmacy, and the critical challenges that contractors are currently facing as the economic outlook worsens.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2e3bd09ebe&e=d19e9fd41c)Price concessions webinar tonightCommunity pharmacy contractors are reminded that PSNC will be hosting a webinar about price concessions **TONIGHT at 7.30pm**. During the webinar viewers will be guided through the price concession process and hear PSNC's current concerns with how the system is coping.[**Register for the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b63202d228&e=d19e9fd41c) (you can register even after the event has started)'Let's communicate cancer' trainingContractors are reminded that the British Oncology Pharmacy Association's (BOPA) 'Let's Communicate Cancer' training has now been added to the Health Education England e-learning for healthcare website. The course is aimed at all members of the pharmacy team and consists of four modules aimed at helping pharmacy team members to communicate better with their patients about cancer.[**Learn more about this training**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4c0199fe3b&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 the **Flu vaccination service** include:**Q. Can I vaccinate a patient who is in the 50-64 year old NOT in a clinical risk group cohort before 15th October 2022?**No. This is outside the service specification, the patient group direction and the national protocol and therefore will not be remunerated.**Q. Are pharmacy team members an eligible group for flu vaccination within the Advanced Service?**No. Employers may wish to offer pharmacy staff flu vaccinations as part of their occupational health arrangements, but this cannot be undertaken as part of the Advanced Service. If a pharmacy team member is eligible for an NHS flu vaccination and falls into one of the eligible patient groups for the Advanced Service, they would be able to use the service at the pharmacy.**Q. At what stage of pregnancy should pregnant women be offered the flu vaccine?**All pregnant women should be offered an inactivated influenza vaccine whilst pregnant, regardless of their stage of pregnancy. Studies have demonstrated that pregnant women can safely receive influenza vaccine during pregnancy and that infants also receive some protection from maternal antibodies because of their mother having the vaccination whilst pregnant.Further information can be found in PSNC's [**Flu Vaccination Service hub**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=16be12e121&e=d19e9fd41c). |  |
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