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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 12th 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: Bank Holiday for Queen's funeral; discount deduction impact calculator; price concessions webinar recording; C-19 vac care home support; updated flu vac PGD.Death of HM the Queen: Bank Holiday announcementFollowing the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her state funeral is on Monday 19th September. To help the nation pay its respects, the day has been declared a Bank Holiday.NHS England has discussed with PSNC how this will impact community pharmacy and is in the process of sending a letter to all contractors, setting out the above and requesting that they work with their local NHS England team to help plan arrangements for pharmaceutical provision in the area on the 19th of September.[**Read more, including considerations for contractors**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=55d9db6fe1&e=d19e9fd41c)Discount Deduction: PSNC launches impact calculator toolFollowing the announcement of a new discount deduction system, PSNC has developed a webtool to help community pharmacy contractors estimate the impact on their payments.The calculator aims to illustrate the changes to discount deduction that a pharmacy could experience during the transition to the new arrangements from October 2022 to January 2024, when the new system will be fully in place. PSNC's calculator requires contractors to input information about their individual pharmacy dispensing mix (i.e. split of reimbursement by appliances, brands and generics) to provide an estimate for the level of impact the new discount deduction system will have. The impact on individual pharmacies cannot be estimated without using dispensing mix data, meaning that any estimates which do not take this into account will not be reliable.PSNC's update also provides further background information and context to the discount deduction changes.[**Learn more, and download PSNC's new Discount Deduction Transition Calculator**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a1bb6eeac6&e=d19e9fd41c)Price Concessions Webinar now available on-demandAround 750 people registered for last week's webinar which aimed to provide community pharmacy contractors with a better understanding of how the price concession system operates and PSNC’s work in this area. Nine in ten said they would recommend the webinar to others, with 87% saying that they found it useful.[**Watch the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=38afc9b9fc&e=d19e9fd41c)C-19 Vac: Care Home vaccination incentiveNHS England has announced a financial incentive to prioritise the COVID-19 vaccination of care home residents in both older adult care homes and non-older adult care homes. The incentive is open to all commissioned providers including commissioned community pharmacy contractors.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4e733ca2a4&e=d19e9fd41c)Flu vac: Updated PGD publishedNHS England have approved an updated patient group direction (PGD) for use by community pharmacy contractors during the current flu vaccination season. The updated PGD (version 11) is now available to download from their website.[**Download the NHS Flu Vaccination PGD**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=74e244825e&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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