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| PSNC Newsletter |
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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: Transitional Payment adjustments; submit paper prescriptions promptly; HRT SSPs extended; November Drug Tariff Watch; priority access to utilities.Transitional Payment adjustments and new Flat Payment in 2022/23 and 2023/24We have today issued an update to provide community pharmacy contractors with additional information regarding the expected trajectory for Transitional Payments during the remaining months of 2022/23, and heading into 2023/24.In November 2022, Transitional Payment levels will reduce to approximately 75% of the value they were between April and September 2022, and the total amount of funding available to distribute will reduce further from December 2022 onwards. The reduction is for two main reasons:* New services have been introduced and their uptake has accelerated, using up the unallocated CPCF funding; and
* A new flat payment will be introduced in 2023/24, funded from the unallocated CPCF funding.

Contractors should also note that, from December 2022, the split of funding in the Transitional Payments will be rebalanced towards the service portion of the payment and away from the dispensing portion.[**Full details about the Transitional Payment adjustments**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e987bb9dc0&e=d19e9fd41c)Postal strike action: submit paper prescriptions promptlyContractors are advised to dispatch their paper prescriptions for October to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) as soon as possible, to mitigate against planned strike action by the Communication Workers Union (CWU). Contractors are advised to use a reliable and secure courier or postal service that offers track and trace. Proof of postage by the 5th and/or delivery confirmation should be retained as evidence in case there are any issues.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ee105fcbb6&e=d19e9fd41c)SSPs for HRT medicines further extendedThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has provided an update on the Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for 12 HRT SSPs. All 12 SSPs that were due to expire 28th October 2022 have been further extended.[**See details of SSP extensions**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c9e6175248&e=d19e9fd41c)November Drug Tariff WatchPSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team has created a summary of the Drug Tariff changes for November 2022. This includes details of additions, deletions and category and price changes.[**See the November 2022 Drug Tariff Watch**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9b04a0dde5&e=d19e9fd41c)Reminder: Have you signed up for priority access to utilities?As part of business continuity arrangements, contractors are reminded that they can sign up for the Priority Services Register to boost their business continuity arrangements further. Run by the UK's utility companies, inclusion on this register should mean your pharmacy has priority access to electricity, water and gas supplies.[**Read more about how to sign-up**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c320eef5de&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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