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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 31st October 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: Think tanks to help develop vision for community pharmacy; PQS Aspiration payment claiming deadline; confidential wellbeing coaching offer; NHS 'Hints & Tips' newsletter; postal strike cancelled.Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund to lead on sector vision projectPSNC has commissioned Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund to develop a new vision and strategic options for community pharmacy.Their report, which is expected to be published in early summer next year, will help to underpin the future strategy for the sector. It will also support negotiations between PSNC and policymakers as the current five-year Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) comes to an end. Those negotiations will decide what happens after April 2024, and they will be critical to the future of the sector.Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund will work very closely with the community pharmacy sector throughout the project. Pharmacy will contribute to both a Steering Group and an Advisory Panel which will advise on the work, and pharmacy owners and teams, LPCs and all others in the sector will be invited to take part in two consultation exercises, one launching in November. They also plan to consult a wide range of experts from outside pharmacy.[**Learn more about the vision project**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d196986807&e=d19e9fd41c)Less than a week left to claim PQS Aspiration paymentContractors have less than one week left to claim an Aspiration payment for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23 as the window for claiming this payment **closes at 11.59pm on 4th November 2022**.If contractors wish to claim for an Aspiration payment, they should review the requirements of the PQS 2022/23, decide which domains they want to work towards meeting by the end of 31st March 2023 and declare this on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) Manage Your Service (MYS) portal. Contractors should click on the 'Pharmacy Quality Scheme' tab on MYS to make a claim.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d2270ca37e&e=d19e9fd41c)Looking After You: coaching for the Primary Care WorkforceConfidential coaching is available free of charge with highly experienced and compassionate coaches for everyone working in primary care, including all community pharmacy staff. The programme has been designed to be easily accessible and tailored to your individual needs, providing an opportunity to prioritise you whilst you are also taking care of others.The Looking After You programme comprises of four coaching offers: Looking After You Too (which also includes a service for ethnically diverse colleagues), Looking After Your Team and Looking After Your Career which support psychological wellbeing, team development and career conversations. The programme has been effective in improving wellbeing and resilience in primary care staff.[**Poster: Free and rapid access to coaching for pharmacy teams**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=33a96ad817&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9fd79f8fef&e=d19e9fd41c)New 'Hints and Tips' newsletter publishedNHS Prescription Services has published the latest edition of its "Hints & Tips for dispensing contractors" newsletter. The newsletter contains some useful information and advice on exemption certificates, what to include in the red separator, submitting EPS tokens, and more.[**Read the latest 'Hints and Tips' newsletter**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fd5531d352&e=d19e9fd41c)Postal strike action withdrawnThe Communication Workers Union has now withdrawn postal strike action originally planned for over the next fortnight. However, contractors are still reminded to submit their claims for NHS pharmaceutical services through the [**MYS portal**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=693738bdfb&e=d19e9fd41c) by the 5th of the month to secure access to earlier advance payments. |  |
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