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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: CEO video message on Vision; new pharmacy minister appointed; joint work to update paediatric specials in Drug Tariff; final price concessions update; Transitional Payment adjustments.Vision Project: A video message from PSNC's CEOPSNC Chief Executive Janet Morrison has recorded a video message about [**the vision and strategy project being led by Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=664bb2e8c9&e=d19e9fd41c).In the video, Janet describes the various stages of the project commissioned by PSNC, and how the independence and expertise of these two think tanks will add credibility to the process. She outlines her desire for the project to be open, inclusive and consultative, with plenty of opportunities for contractors and LPCs to input their insights and ideas.[**Watch the video**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c522db5390&e=d19e9fd41c)New pharmacy minister appointedNeil O'Brien OBE, MP for Harborough, has been appointed as the new minister with responsibility for pharmacy in the Department for Health & Social Care (DHSC). Mr O'Brien has a wide-ranging portfolio of responsibilities including primary care, community health, major diseases, patient safety, and maternity care.[**Read more, including a statement from PSNC's CEO**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=59cefab410&e=d19e9fd41c)Paediatric specials listed in Tariff updatedPSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team has collaborated with the Neonatal and Paediatric Pharmacists Group (NPPG) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) to get some Specials listings in the Drug Tariff amended, following concerns over patient safety.The three organisations proposed the removal of certain non-standard strengths of paediatric specials from Part VIIIB of the Drug Tariff, which has come into effect this month.[**Learn more about PSNC's work with NPPG and RCPCH**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=09b81b9b9d&e=d19e9fd41c)October 2022 Price Concessions: Final UpdateDHSC has granted its final list of price concessions for October 2022. To hear more about how the current price concessions system operates, pharmacy teams can access a recording of PSNC's recent webinar [**here**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b3986d173a&e=d19e9fd41c).[**See the updated price concessions list**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e6e0230957&e=d19e9fd41c)Reminder: Transitional Payment adjustments and new Flat Payment in 2022/23 and 2023/24In 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.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.[**Read our update for full details**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3b41d910c9&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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