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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 9th November 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: RTEC and token submission; QIVe flu vaccine suitability; Pharmacy Vision initial consultation; Transitional Payment adjustments reminder.RTEC and token submissionAccording to the latest figures, over **80%** of pharmacy organisations have now received the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) functionality for Real Time Exemption Checking (RTEC). RTEC enables community pharmacy teams to automatically check if a patient holds a valid exemption reason for entitlement to free NHS prescriptions.Contractors are reminded about the requirement to send the EPS tokens used to capture the paid or exemption declaration, except for age exempt patients, prescriptions where only free-of-charge items are prescribed, and in cases when RTEC confirms an exemption, to the NHS Business Services Authority.[**Find out more about RTEC and submitting tokens**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=42f0888292&e=d19e9fd41c)QIVe flu vaccine not suitable for 65s and overCommunity pharmacy contractors are reminded that they must ensure that the correct flu vaccines are being used for each patient cohort, and that this is being recorded accurately in the patient's clinical record for the NHS Flu Vaccination Service.A poster that summarises which flu vaccines should be used for which cohorts can be found on the [**GOV.UK website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e625678d3f&e=d19e9fd41c). Contractors should consider printing this out and displaying this in their consultation room so that when a vaccine is selected, an additional check can be made against the poster to ensure the correct vaccine has been selected for the patient, depending on the cohort they fall into.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c1cd4d70d0&e=d19e9fd41c)Pharmacy Vision: First chance to share viewsPSNC has today launched an open consultation to hear from contractors, LPCs and others in the sector about their views on the future of community pharmacy.The consultation – which takes the form of an online survey – is the first opportunity within [**PSNC's vision project**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3bbbe30235&e=d19e9fd41c) for individuals and organisations to share their thoughts with Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund. The deadline to complete the survey is **11.59pm on Friday 9th December 2022**.[**Learn more about the consultation**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7d69e16838&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=a698e6a2d1&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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