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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: Autumn Statement response; PSNC parliamentary drop-in event; November price concessions update; reminder to share your views on the future of pharmacy.Autumn Statement: PSNC calls for investment in pharmaciesYesterday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Jeremy Hunt, gave his Autumn Statement, setting out the Government's spending plans. The Statement promised that the NHS budget would be increased in each of the next two years by £3.3bn, but the Chancellor made no specific pledges about supporting community pharmacy. Other health commitments included an independently verified long-term workforce plan and work to tackle waste in the NHS.PSNC submitted compelling evidence about the growing pressure on pharmacy and a strong bid for a fully funded pharmacy walk-in service during the CPCF Years 4 and 5 negotiations and was frustrated by the refusal of Government and the NHS to move away from the five-year CPCF deal. We will continue to work to make the economic case for pharmacy, including through the development of a new vision and strategy, through correspondence with ministers, and as we seek to influence the economic review of the sector that was agreed as part of the CPCF arrangements.[**Read more about the Autumn Statement including PSNC's CEO response**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6cc4ca75bb&e=d19e9fd41c) Nearly 40 MPs attend PSNC Parliamentary eventOn Tuesday 15th November PSNC hosted a parliamentary drop-in event for MPs and peers. The event lasted for two hours, during which MPs had the opportunity to drop-in and have their blood pressure measured by pharmacists with experience of working on the front-line and were briefed on the urgent need for action to address the pressures on the sector.The event was well attended with 38 parliamentarians dropping in throughout the day. At the event, we also launched our four-point plan to secure the future of the sector.[**Find out more about the event and PSNC's four-point plan**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0e0d579a0a&e=d19e9fd41c) November 2022 Price Concessions: First UpdateThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has granted the initial list of price concessions for November 2022. Note, aprice concession only applies for the month in which it is granted.PSNC is [**seeking improvements**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ca70aa2f49&e=d19e9fd41c) to the current price concessions system following significant concerns raised by pharmacy contractors about the unsustainable level of prices, imposed by DHSC in the past few months, for certain medicines and has sent a strong and clear message back to Government that pharmacies cannot subsidise the NHS medicines bill, escalating this within the DHSC and insisting that they find urgent solutions.[**See the initial price concessions list for November 2022**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a38aac5808&e=d19e9fd41c) Three weeks left to share your Vision for the futureContractors are reminded that there are only three weeks left to share their views on the future direction for community pharmacy as part of PSNC’s [**Vision project**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=aabf1254b1&e=d19e9fd41c)**.** The open consultation – in the form of an online survey – is the first opportunity for contractors, LPCs and others in the sector to share their thoughts with Nuffield Trust and The King’s Fund, who have been commissioned to develop the Vision.The online survey asks five questions focussing on future policy goals, why previous policies may not have fully achieved their objectives, design principles to underpin the service offer, and blocks and enablers for change. All questions in the survey allow for free-text answers and the deadline for responses is **11.59pm on Friday 9th December 2022**.[**Find out more and complete the survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4967afac37&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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