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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: Further five SSPs issued for Pen V; RPS Vision for Pharmacy Professional Practice; Pharmacy Contraception Service spec; interview with LPC CEO and IPP Advisory Board member.Further five SSPs issued for Pen VFurther to significant ongoing disruption affecting supply of Phenoxymethylpenicillin (Pen V) for which [**three Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) were released yesterday**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3717d361bf&e=d19e9fd41c), the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued a further five new SSPs. The new SSPs, introduced with immediate effect, allow community pharmacists to consider different oral antibiotic preparations, to enable the continued supply of antibiotics to patients and mitigate the ongoing supply disruptions affecting Phenoxymethylpenicillin.Before supplying an alternative antibiotic, the pharmacist must consider if a suitable supply can be made by using an alternative formulation of Pen V in accordance with the relevant SSP. Where this is not possible, only specified antibiotics can be substituted for prescriptions for the duration of no more than 10 days, in order of preference and depending on availability and the dosing needs for the patient (again please see specific SSP for details).Pharmacy teams are advised to **read the documentation in full for all SSPs published**.[**Find out more about the new SSPs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1aeacac520&e=d19e9fd41c) RPS publishes Vision for Pharmacy Professional Practice in EnglandThe Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) has published a ten-year vision for the future of pharmacy professional practice in England. The vision, which was co-produced by The King’s Fund, explores how pharmacy teams in all care settings can support improved care for patients and help to address the many health challenges facing the country. PSNC welcomes the publication of the RPS’ Vision and believes the experience that The King’s Fund has gained working on this and talking to pharmacy professionals will prove extremely valuable as our project with them and Nuffield Trust to develop our vision and strategic options for the sector gathers pace.[**Read the RPS’ Vision for the Future of Pharmacy Professional Practice**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ca0318cf81&e=d19e9fd41c) Contraception service specification publishedThe specification for the [**Pharmacy Contraception Service**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5839093385&e=d19e9fd41c) is now available for pharmacy contractors to download from the NHS Business Services Authority's website. The specification includes the training requirements for the service which will not start on 11th January 2023, as originally planned, but is expected to commence in early 2023, with the service's exact start date yet to be agreed.[**Read the Pharmacy Contraception Service spec**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=62eb2554cb&e=d19e9fd41c) My leadership journey: Shilpa ShahShilpa Shah, CEO of North East London LPC and a member of NHS England’s Inclusive Pharmacy Practice (IPP) Advisory Board, was recently interviewed about the importance of encouraging diversity and inclusion within the sector. Drawing from her own experiences and journey working in community pharmacy, she talks about why diversity in senior leadership matters. This interview was also a contribution to NHS England's most recent Inclusive Pharmacy Practice Bulletin. PSNC is a member of the IPP Improving Practice and Engagement Group and helped arrange the interview with Ms. Shah.[**Read the interview summary**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9b57bd4d5b&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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