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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 19th December 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: December Price Concessions first update; updating pharmacy opening hours for Christmas Day; NHS IT alerts; medicines defect information notice.December 2022 Price Concessions: First UpdateThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has granted the initial list of price concessions for December 2022. Please note, we are still working to finalise prices with DHSC for several other drugs including some antibiotics reported to be unavailable at the prices listed in the December 2022 Drug Tariff. As soon as prices are finalised, these will be cascaded to contractors via our website and email alerts.[**See the initial list of price concessions for December**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=78edfab860&e=d19e9fd41c)Christmas Day 2022 - Updating pharmacy opening hours on NHS Profile ManagerContractors are reminded that NHS England has confirmed that all community pharmacy Directory of Service (DoS) and NHS website profiles will automatically be set to show as closed on Sunday 25th December 2022 (Christmas Day). PSNC, NHS Digital and NHS England have jointly supported an automatic update to ease the process for the majority of contractors.However, if your pharmacy will be open this Sunday, 25th December (Christmas Day), please update NHS Profile Manager in the 'Temporary changes to opening times' section, to indicate the hours that your pharmacy will be open. It is important that your profile information is correct so that NHS staff, patients and the public can access accurate contact information, opening times and services.[**Learn more about updating your opening hours**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0ae0fe6209&e=d19e9fd41c) Are you signed up to receive NHS IT alerts?Pharmacy team members are reminded that they can subscribe to alerts about EPS and other services, through the NHS Digital service status pages. Alerts will be sent when the national system is unavailable or impacted. Pharmacy team members can also complete surveys if they wish to help influence how future communications about IT incidents could be improved.[**Sign up for NHS IT alerts**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=23497c3a82&e=d19e9fd41c)Class 4 Medicines Defect Information NoticeThe Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a class 4 medicines defect information notice for Epiduo 0.1% / 2.5% gel (45 g). The producer, Galderma (U.K.) Limited, informed the MHRA of an error with the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) within the specified batches.[**Learn more about this medicines notice**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=04e86e7aee&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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