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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: FAQs on Transitional Payments; Dispensing and Supply Updates; become a Pharmacy Ambassador.FAQs on Transitional PaymentsEarlier this week it was announced that the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has decided to [**reduce the Transitional Payment to zero from February 2023**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ab5f5f7536&e=d19e9fd41c), despite opposition from PSNC. Following queries from some community pharmacy contractors, our Pharmacy Funding Team has today published a set of FAQs providing further information about the changes that will be introduced and what these mean for contractors.[**Read the Transitional Payment FAQs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=63e14b8214&e=d19e9fd41c) Dispensing and Supply Updates**SSP updates**A number of changes have been made to several Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs), including to SSP29 and SSP30 for Sandrena® 0.5mg and 1mg gel sachets and SSP032 for Lipitor® 10mg chewable tablets. [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c655aaa542&e=d19e9fd41c).**February Drug Tariff Watch**Our Dispensing and Supply Team has created a summary of the Drug Tariff changes for February 2023 to help pharmacy teams keep up-to-date with important dispensing information. This includes details of additions, deletions and category and price changes coming into effect from the start of February. [**See the February 2023 Drug Tariff Watch**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6d5b08eb6e&e=d19e9fd41c).**MHRA Drug Safety Update**A new Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Drug Safety Update has been published. This includes articles on Xaqua (metolazone) 5mg tablets, Topical testosterone (Testogel), Electronic Prescribing and more.[**Read the  January 2023 MHRA Drug Safety Update**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bdcdc793ec&e=d19e9fd41c). NHS Pharmacy Ambassador programmeHealth Education England (HEE), in partnership with [**Inspiring the Future**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0eeff682b6&e=d19e9fd41c), is seeking to grow its NHS Ambassador capacity by linking more pharmacy professionals with schools and colleges in their local community. Those interested in becoming an NHS Pharmacy Ambassador are being invited to attend an information session on Monday 6th February to find out more. * [**Register for the information session 6th February from 1-2pm**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=391100962e&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Register for the information session on 6th February from 7-8pm**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7757aba610&e=d19e9fd41c)
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