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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: Information about PSNC elections; reclassification of some products as special containers; Walk-in Consultation Service case study.PSNC Elections – contractor informationThe process for election to the new committee of PSNC, to be known as Community Pharmacy England (CPE), is now underway. All Independent contractors and non-CCA Multiple contractors will soon receive a notice from Civica Election Services (formerly Electoral Reform Services), who are acting as the independent scrutineer for these elections. The notice is part of preparations ahead of voting in the elections.  All voting is scheduled for March 2023 and information about the elections process can be found in the relevant briefings on the PSNC website.[**Learn more about the PSNC elections**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6cd0550a4e&e=d19e9fd41c)Pabrinex and Co-beneldopa preparations reclassified as special containersFollowing representations from PSNC, the Department of Health of Social Care (DHSC) has re-determined the special container status of some products. Firstly, sub-packs of some Pabrinex solution for injection ampoules have been re-classified as special containers.  [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cf45009bdc&e=d19e9fd41c)Secondly, from February 2023, contractors should also note that special container status will apply to all generically prescribed Co-beneldopa capsules and tablets. [**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fce2fb003f&e=d19e9fd41c)Humber and North Yorkshire WiCSPSNC's Services Team has published a case study about the Community Pharmacy Walk-in Consultation Service (WiCS) in Humber and North Yorkshire. This service aims to make an additional 6,000 high quality appointments with a community pharmacist available to patients across targeted areas in Humber and North Yorkshire.In addition to the NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS), the WiCS service offers a limited number of CPCS-style consultations into which patients may self-refer. Patients who self-refer are not required to have had prior interaction with general practice or NHS 111, so as to reduce demand on those services and provide an easy access route for patients.[**Read more about WiCS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5ce61545ed&e=d19e9fd41c)  |  |
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