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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 6th February 2023 |

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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: Resources to help local influencing; PQS Declaration window opens; Pharmacy Pressures Survey; NHS Hints and Tips newsletter.Resources to support local influencingAll PSNC Members are deeply aware of the crisis affecting the community pharmacy sector and of the funding and operational pressures on all businesses. PSNC Members are also experiencing these unprecedented challenges in their businesses, and we are continuing to work hard to persuade Government and the NHS to act urgently to address the workforce, capacity and funding challenges.   An important part of this work involves engaging with MPs and building support across Parliament – we are doing this both to press for short-term solutions, and to try to influence for the long-term. We have been working closely with LPCs on this and have also developed a range of resources to support you to influence MPs and other key political targets in line with our national messages. These include briefings to explain the current situation and guidance on writing to MPs and hosting MP visits. The more that MPs hear from community pharmacy at both a national and constituent level, the better.Along with the other pharmacy bodies, we are also developing shared resources for contractors and LPCs to help mobilise public opinion as part of the [**Save Our Pharmacies**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=741b55be08&e=d19e9fd41c) campaign. These will be available shortly, ahead of further campaigning activity next month.[**See the full list of influencing resources**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a25e9bd2b5&e=d19e9fd41c)PQS Declaration window is openThe declaration window for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23 is now open. Community pharmacy contractors can make a claim for a PQS payment up until **11.59pm on Friday 3rd March 2023** through the [**Manage Your Service (MYS) portal**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=dd294bd855&e=d19e9fd41c).[**Find out more about making a PQS Declaration**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4d1f52e624&e=d19e9fd41c) Pharmacy Pressures Survey: Please take part PSNC has launched a nationwide Pharmacy Pressures Survey to help demonstrate the scale of the pressures that the community pharmacy sector is under, providing important data for use in future negotiations and our work to influence Government. The financial and operational pressures on all pharmacies at the moment are intolerable and unprecedented. If team members and pharmacy owners can spare just a few minutes, completing this survey would really help us make the case to Government for more funding. We would very much appreciate it at this difficult time.* [**Pharmacy business owners/head office representatives survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=92174128ec&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Pharmacy teams survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=aa5c9b8967&e=d19e9fd41c)

You can also download a copy of the survey questions here: [**Learn more about the survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4526edd3ce&e=d19e9fd41c)NHS Prescription Services newsletterNHS Prescription Services produces a quarterly newsletter called “Hints & Tips for dispensing contractors”. The latest edition, which has just been published contains useful information and advice on disallowed items, endorsing Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) and more.[**Read the newsletter**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ea4d5d40f8&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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