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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 8th March 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: Save Our Pharmacies campaign website launched; PSNC responds to GP Contract Imposition; national valproate audit reminder; PQS updates.Pharmacy bodies launch Save Our Pharmacies campaign websiteA Save Our Pharmacies campaign website has been created by leading national pharmacy bodies, to give new focus to calls for fair pharmacy funding in England.This is the latest output of a [**joint programme of work**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=582af7ba78&e=d19e9fd41c) being coordinated by PSNC, CCA, AIM and the NPA. It comes the same day the group launched a new [**public petition on the ’38 Degrees’ platform**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d1b1fd1b79&e=d19e9fd41c), which calls for immediate, fair and sustained funding to safeguard NHS pharmacy services.The newly launched site contains key messages for public, politicians and stakeholders, and hosts campaign resources to be used by pharmacy teams.  It will undergo further development as the campaign progresses, with new resources added to ensure maximum public engagement.A further resource in the form of a window poster is being printed and will shortly be mailed out to all community pharmacies in England.[**Read more and visit the Save Our Pharmacies website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3cc3ecf6fb&e=d19e9fd41c)PSNC response to GP Contract ImpositionPSNC's Chief Executive, Janet Morrison has issued the following statement in response to [**news that the GP contract for 2023/24 has been imposed**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bca76e3d77&e=d19e9fd41c):"The breakdown in GP contract negotiations for the second year running is another blow for primary care. The verdict of the GP negotiators is that the demands being made of doctors by Government and the NHS are simply unreasonable. Community pharmacy is being treated with the same disregard: too much is being asked of us, with far too little funding available. The Government and NHS know from the analysis and warnings we are continuing to give them that they are on very dangerous ground with more and more pharmacies on the brink of financial collapse. We are working hard to influence the Primary Care Recovery Plan which must include a lifeline for pharmacies – if it doesn’t, then our General Practice colleagues and their patients can expect further crises ahead as pharmacy businesses continue to fail."Reminder: Have you submitted your national valproate audit 2022/23 data?Contractors are reminded that by 31st March 2023, they must have completed the 2022/23 national clinical audit on valproate over a six-week consecutive period, and have submitted the data via the Valproate audit 2022/23 tab on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d76d96eb4f&e=d19e9fd41c)PQS Updates**Updated NMS and antibiotic review data published**The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has updated its New Medicine Service (NMS) and antibiotic review spreadsheets for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23. [**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4f6d8ac1a9&e=d19e9fd41c).**Data on NHS DWMP referrals published**The NHSBSA has also published a spreadsheet showing which community pharmacy contractors have made a referral to the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme (DWMP) as part of the 2022/23 PQS. [**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=73659b71bd&e=d19e9fd41c). |  |
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