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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 13th 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: PSNC says Year 5 CPCF must halt without extra funding; Save our Pharmacies campaign update; Lipitor® SSP extension.Year 5 CPCF services cannot go ahead without funding upliftPSNC has today told Ministers that NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) must not roll out any new or expanded services or a Pharmacy Quality Scheme in 2023/24 unless extra funding is put into community pharmacies.Community pharmacies are in a desperate position with the outlook continuing to deteriorate. Without an urgent injection of extra funding there is not enough money to pay for the current services and dispensing being done by the sector; let alone for new things to be rolled out.Instead, the focus needs to be on supporting community pharmacies to meet the day-to-day needs of patients and on building on the advice that we already offer to the public via a fully-funded Pharmacy First scheme.PSNC has once again told DHSC and NHSE that they have run out of money: if they do not put additional funding into pharmacies they will be presiding over the collapse of the community pharmacy sector and of safe medicines supply.Documents detailing PSNC's latest funding analysis and its proposed regulatory easements have also been released.[**Read more here**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0e2abd20b3&e=d19e9fd41c)Save Our Pharmacies campaign: national media coverage and public petitionThe joint Save Our Pharmacies campaign stepped up a gear last week with the launch of a website and petition.Following work to gain national media interest in the campaign, today the [**Daily Express**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c0356358d7&e=d19e9fd41c) reported on the efforts of both the national pharmacy bodies and MPs who are demanding urgent action to resolve the funding crisis in the pharmacy sector. This includes a letter to the Prime Minister co-ordinated by the All-Party Pharmacy Group (APPG) and a new public petition.The [**petition on the '38 Degrees' platform**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0b2374e8cb&e=d19e9fd41c) calls for immediate, fair and sustained funding to safeguard NHS pharmacy services. Whilst the national pharmacy bodies will continue to try and generate national media interest in the petition, we also need everyone who works in community pharmacy to help us get as many signatures as possible to show the strength of support for our cause. Please make use of the range of resources on the [**campaign website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e69b96b1e2&e=d19e9fd41c) to help promote the petition and wider campaign. Further new resources will be added as the campaign progresses.[**Read more and visit the Save Our Pharmacies website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=26ea66fc21&e=d19e9fd41c)SSP for Lipitor® 10mg chewable tablets extendedThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has decided to extend the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Lipitor® 10mg chewable tablets (SSP032). The end date has been further extended to Friday 7th April 2023.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=478373b1ca&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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