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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 22nd 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: MPs back community pharmacy; PSNC elections; new HRT PPC guidance; reminder to submit valproate audit data; Dispensing and Supply Updates.MPs back community pharmacy in emergency summitMPs publicly backed England’s community pharmacies yesterday during a PSNC led roundtable held as part of the ongoing Save Our Pharmacies campaign. During a varied discussion, MPs had the opportunity to quiz the attending industry leaders on what urgent action is needed to address the current severe challenges facing community pharmacy, as well as the sector’s possible role in the upcoming Primary Care Recovery Plan.PSNC CEO Janet Morrison gave an overview of the discussions PSNC has been having with Government about the commissioning of a fully funded Pharmacy First service, whilst contractors who were present gave MPs a flavour of the situation on the ground.**PSNC Chief Executive, Janet Morrison OBE said:** “The #SaveOurPharmacies roundtable was another critical opportunity to get together with MPs for a very open and frank discussion about the current challenges facing community pharmacies. The situation is critical – pharmacies need a lifeline. If no help is forthcoming, Government can expect to hear from more and more patients who are unable to access pharmacy services or even medicines.It was good to hear that there remains an abundance of political goodwill towards the community pharmacy sector, as well as very real concern about the future and the potential impact on the millions of people who visit us every week. I hope that all attending MPs will now encourage the Government to take firm and decisive action to invest in our community pharmacies in order to safeguard safe and reliable access to medicines for patients and the public.”[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cd4c123330&e=d19e9fd41c) PSNC Elections – final stage of votingElections for non-CCA Multiple Representatives and Regional Representatives on PSNC (soon to be Community Pharmacy England) started on 9th March. Voting contractors were sent an email to either the head office contact or premises shared NHSmail address detailing who is standing for election and a unique link to the voting portal. We advise that contractors make their vote as soon as possible before the deadline of **12 noon on 24th March**.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8f294ddd36&e=d19e9fd41c)New HRT PPC guidanceAhead of the [**introduction of the new Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) for hormone replacement therapy (HRT) products**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5de8340f1f&e=d19e9fd41c) in April, the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has today published guidance on the new procedures for pharmacy staff. PSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team will shortly publish a briefing containing supplementary information and a comprehensive set of FAQs to support contractors and their teams.[**Read the NHSBSA guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ef6532f348&e=d19e9fd41c) Just over a week left to submit valproate audit dataBy 31st March 2023, all contractors must have completed the 2022/23 national clinical audit on valproate over a six-week consecutive period and have submitted their data via the Valproate audit 2022/23 tab on Manage Your Service. Contractors are reminded that this is a mandatory contractual requirement.[**Find out more about the audit**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1365399e46&e=d19e9fd41c) Dispensing and Supply Updates**March 2023 Price Concessions 2nd Update**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has granted an updated list of price concessions for March 2023. [**See the updated price concessions list**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f0b1329c29&e=d19e9fd41c).**Medicines Recall Notice**The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a class 2 medicines recall for Sildenafil 10mg/ml Oral Suspension. This relates to the Press In Bottle Adaptor (PIBA) supplied with the pack (carton) in the affected batch being too wide to fit the neck of the medicine bottle. [**Learn more about this recall notice**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=516672ec0c&e=d19e9fd41c). |  |
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