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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Friday 31st 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: Public backs Pharmacy First; New PSNC Committee; HRT PPC rollout; dispensing updates; patient app use; TAPR progress update.Public overwhelmingly back Pharmacy First and national media coverageYouGov polling commissioned by PSNC has shown the strength of public support for pharmacies and for a Pharmacy First service.The results show the extent of the public backing for a Pharmacy First approach – PSNC has been arguing that a fully-funded service would be beneficial for pharmacies, patients and the wider NHS. And they also show how many people would be concerned by any pharmacy closures. [**See the results of the YouGov survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d15c04db45&e=d19e9fd41c).The results of this polling received national media attention today in [**the Daily Express**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1a647a5030&e=d19e9fd41c), which highlighted patients' increasing reliance on community pharmacy and quoted PSNC's continued calls for increased funding for the sector.New PSNC CommitteeFollowing the closure of the final ballot today, we have now released the final election result for the West Midlands region and confirmed the Company Chemists' Association (CCA) appointments to the PSNC Committee, which [**you can view here**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cb6b6aa568&e=d19e9fd41c).Rollout of HRT PPC begins from AprilThe Government's new Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) for hormone replacement therapy (HRT) products comes into effect from tomorrow (1st April 2023).PSNC has been in discussion with the British Medical Association (BMA) about the impact of the new HRT PPC on working practices. Both we and the BMA are agreed on the importance of collaborative working to maintain patient care. The BMA's General Practitioners' Committee is therefore recommending that GP practices and Local Medical Committees (LMCs) discuss local approaches to DHSC's HRT PPC guidance with their local pharmacies and LPCs.Ultimately, GP practice staff and community pharmacy teams should work together to support those patients taking HRT products.[**View the range of guidance and patient materials on HRT PPCs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bc2371a1e7&e=d19e9fd41c)Dispensing and Supply updates**SSP notices**Contractors should note that:* [**The Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Fluoxetine 10mg tablets (SSP05) will expire tonight (31st March) at 23.59**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1f2865d2c4&e=d19e9fd41c).
* DHSC has further extended 11 SSPs for Pen V and Sandrena products until Friday 28th April 2023. [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e6475862af&e=d19e9fd41c).

**EpiPen reimbursement for March 2023**Following representations by PSNC on behalf of contractors, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has redetermined the reimbursement prices for EpiPen preparations for March 2023 to reflect an increase in their NHS list price. [**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2255af979f&e=d19e9fd41c)**Drug Tariff Watch - April 2023**Our summary of the Drug Tariff changes for April 2023 aims to help pharmacy teams keep up-to-date with important dispensing information. [**Read Drug Tariff Watch**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f176dd725d&e=d19e9fd41c)Patient app use for ordering medicinesCommunity pharmacy organisations of all shapes and sizes are now supporting their patients with app and website offerings to enable patients to place medicine orders and make use of other features. Patients placing orders for repeat prescriptions in a timely manner ahead of holiday periods, such as the upcoming Easter weekend, help to reduce the pressures on pharmacy teams.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=588026c63d&e=d19e9fd41c)PSNC publishes TAPR Progress ReportPSNC is continuing to make progress on addressing the Review Steering Group (RSG) proposals and has today published some resources to update contractors and LPCs on this work. The resources published include an update on the Transforming Pharmacy Representation (TAPR) workstreams and a document mapping out progress made.[**See the TAPR update documents**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=51e0dc57da&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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