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| PSNC Newsletter |
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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: Pressures Survey media coverage and new resources; New PSNC Committee; NHSE announces contraception service launch; call for views on PQS.Pressures Survey findings generate national media coveragePSNC's 2023 Pharmacy Pressures Survey has confirmed the worsening situation for community pharmacies as rising costs and significantly increased workload is putting businesses at greater risk of collapse.The results of the survey were [**featured on Channel 4 News**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cb098eaeda&e=d19e9fd41c) on Wednesday evening, highlighting ongoing medicine supply issues alongside the wider financial strain on pharmacies. The [**Independent**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9de5c7c634&e=d19e9fd41c) and several regional newspapers also reported on the growing number of medicine supply problems that pharmacies are having to deal with.[**Read more about the survey results**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=77cbaa0d7c&e=d19e9fd41c)**New engagement resources**To help raise awareness of the survey results (and consequently the worsening situation for community pharmacy), we have developed some resources that may be useful for contractors and LPCs to engage MPs and other local stakeholders. These include a one-page infographic, social media files, and resources for emailing your local MP about these survey results.[**View the resources**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d12348647d&e=d19e9fd41c)New PSNC CommitteeThe National Pharmacy Association (NPA) has now nominated its representatives to sit on PSNC (soon to be Community Pharmacy England) for the 2023-2027 term. This concludes the appointment and election of committee members, and we have [**confirmed the full Committee here**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8ca271d274&e=d19e9fd41c).NHSE announces contraception service launchNHS England (NHSE) has announced that the Pharmacy Contraception Service will launch from 24th April 2023.This start date for the service has not been agreed with PSNC and is in direct contradiction of [**our warning to Ministers that no new or expanded services can be rolled out in 2023/24 unless extra funding is put into community pharmacies**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b21157b8c7&e=d19e9fd41c).Responding to this announcement, **PSNC Chief Executive Janet Morrison** said:"We have repeated our concerns to the Department in recent days and reminded them of the potential for a properly funded community pharmacy sector to play a greater role in providing clinical solutions and relieving pressures elsewhere in primary care."[**Read PSNC's response in full**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1b072a3322&e=d19e9fd41c)Share your views on the Pharmacy Quality SchemeCommunity pharmacy contractors (including head office staff) and community pharmacists are invited to participate in an interview to share their views on the Quality Payments Scheme (QPS) (the previous name for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)) and the PQS between 2017-2021. Contractors will be remunerated for their or employees' time.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c8e010a023&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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