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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 17th April 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: NHSE announces contraception service launch; National Care Records Service to replace SCR; Pressures Survey engagement materials; EPS survey.NHSE announces contraception service launchNHS England (NHSE) has announced that the Pharmacy Contraception Service will launch from 24th April 2023. This has not been agreed with PSNC and is in direct contradiction ofour warning to Ministers that Year 5 CPCF Services cannot go ahead without a funding uplift for community pharmacies.Responding to this announcement, **PSNC Chief Executive Janet Morrison** said:"We note that NHSE has announced the launch date for Tier 1 of the Pharmacy Contraception Service. This is despite our warning last month that without additional funding, the roll-out of Year 5 additional services and the Pharmacy Quality Scheme is neither feasible nor affordable. Community pharmacies are having to work harder and harder for less money and many are at breaking point. And just last week the results of our 2023 Pharmacy Pressures Survey have confirmed the worsening situation."[**Read PSNC's response in full**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b7425e9f6a&e=d19e9fd41c)SCR being replaced by National Care Records Service The Summary Care Record (SCRa) portal is scheduled to be replaced by a new system called the National Care Records Service (NCRS) from September 2023.From now until September, both the SCRa portal and the NCRS portal will be accessible.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f97226b6c1&e=d19e9fd41c)Pressures Survey new engagement resources  To help raise awareness of the results of PSNC’s 2023 Pharmacy Pressures Survey (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=03ad171d01&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Read more about the survey results**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4fa5f6f1a6&e=d19e9fd41c) Chance to share your views on EPS outcomesPSNC, working with Kingston University and the Community Pharmacy IT Group (CP ITG), has launched a short survey to gather feedback about EPS Paperless, Outcomes and Trackability.The short survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete. If you are able to spare a little time, your responses will be used to help shape the EPS priorities of the CP ITG and system suppliers.[**Please complete the survey here**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d83dd71689&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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