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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 24th May 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: New regulations and update for 100-hour pharmacies; RPS consultation; NHS Profile Manager; Share your views on quality schemes.New PLPS regulations tomorrow and an update for 100-hour pharmaciesThe new, imposed NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (PLPS) Regulations 2013 come into force tomorrow, **25th May 2023,** and introduce: * a ‘notification’ procedure for **100-hour pharmacies** to reduce their total weekly core opening hours to no less than 72 hours, subject to various requirements;
* a notification procedure for introducing or changing **rest breaks**, by changing core opening hours (100-hour or former 100-hour pharmacies apply for rest breaks);
* provision for **local hours plans** to be agreed by the local Integrated Care Board (ICB) with temporarily reduced opening hours for participating pharmacies within the area of the plan;
* a requirement to have a **business continuity plan dealing with temporary closures** and to action it in the event of a temporary closure (suspension) (a terms of service requirement from 31st July 2023); and
* other regulatory amendments, including changes to **fitness information** and the procedures for **applying to change core opening hours** and **notifying changes of supplementary opening hours**.

Following the online webinar last week we have updated the [**briefing note on the PLPS regulatory changes**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=66755eca54&e=d19e9fd41c), and it now includes additional information to clarify certain issues in relation to 100-hour pharmacies.  A full replay of the webinar will be available on-demand via our website very soon.[**Continue reading**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0ac27ef34d&e=d19e9fd41c)  RPS Consultation: Error reporting professional standardsThe Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) is conducting a consultation on the update of the professional standards for error reporting and are looking for views to ensure the standards are current, clear, relevant, and fit for purpose.They are seeking views from pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, members of pharmacy teams or those who are in roles that utilise these standards or organisations that deal with errors or near misses.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0b0eed30d7&e=d19e9fd41c)Reminder: NHS Profile ManagerIt will soon be time for community pharmacy owners to verify their NHS Profile Manager profile information.Ahead of the **30th June 2023** deadline, we would like to remind pharmacy owners of the need to update NHS Profile Manager to ensure that your pharmacy’s [**NHS website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=edb3a5cedd&e=d19e9fd41c) and **Directory of Services** ([**DoS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ffe048596c&e=d19e9fd41c)) profile information is kept up-to-date.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0b7e1ef7ba&e=d19e9fd41c)Evaluation of quality schemes – one month left to share viewsICF (an independent research consultancy) and the University of Manchester are carrying out the evaluation and are very keen to hear from frontline community pharmacists and employees of large and medium-sized multiples in particular. They would also like to hear from contractors who have decided to no longer participate in PQS**.**Pharmacy owners (including head office staff) and community pharmacists have one month left to participate.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ab37327b12&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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