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| **PSNC has now changed its name to Community Pharmacy England, with a strengthened commitment to championing pharmacies and engaging with the sector.** This newsletter is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector. |

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| In this update: Alliance Healthcare August Bank Holiday schedule; SSPs for Estradot and Jext; National Care Records Service to replace SCR; Pharmacy Owners: we want to hear from you. |

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| Alliance Healthcare planned maintenanceAlliance Healthcare UK will be conducting maintenance over the August Bank Holiday weekend (Friday 25th August to Tuesday 29th August).  During this period, there will be limited or no deliveries.Pharmacies are advised to consider their stock needs beforehand, and should note that the cut-off time for placing orders will be revised to 5:30 pm on Friday 25th August. Alliance’s customer service phoneline will remain open to support emergency call-outs. |

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| [**Check the planned delivery schedules**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=15abf43afb&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| New Serious Shortage Protocols issued In response to significant ongoing supply disruption, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has today issued Serious Supply Protocols (SSPs) for the following medication:[Estradot® 100micrograms/24hours patches](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=781e7d0847&e=d19e9fd41c): SSP057 enables pharmacists to provide either one Evorel® 100 patch or one Estraderm® MX 100 patch as a suitable alternative when an Estradot® 100micrograms/24hours patch is prescribed. This SSP is **currently set to expire on 8th September 2023.**[Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) solution for injection auto-injector pen](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8d670a26c9&e=d19e9fd41c): SSP058 enables pharmacists to provide one EpiPen® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) auto-injector pen as a suitable alternative to Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) auto-injector pen. This SSP is **currently set to expire** **on 15th September 2023.**Note, any SSP may be amended or revoked at any time and pharmacy teams are strongly advised to check the [NHSBSA website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=94a0c0015c&e=d19e9fd41c) for the latest information. |

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| Reminder: SCRa portal being replaced by National Care Records Service  (NCRS)Following [previous announcements](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=12074b40e2&e=d19e9fd41c), the application portal for the Summary Care Record (SCRa) is set to be replaced by a new system known as the National Care Records Service (NCRS) from September 2023.Until 29th September 2023, both the SCRa portal and the NCRS portal will be accessible, but pharmacy professionals are encouraged to start using the NCRS portal immediately and provide feedback through a [short survey](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4bd73bd186&e=d19e9fd41c) to help embed the new system.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9c8bff1fcf&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Pharmacy owners are invited to share your views with us ahead of our September Committee Meeting. Your input will help inform our goals for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) after the current arrangements are due to end in March 2024. |

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| [**Complete the survey (Independents and non-CCA multiples only)**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=583be893a9&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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