



# News Alert

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## Future of pharmacy animation is launched

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PSNC has today launched a video animation explaining how community pharmacies are likely to fit into the NHS of the future.

As well as showcasing the work that pharmacies already do, the video describes the transformation that community pharmacies will need to undertake over the coming months and years.

PSNC has based the video on the ambitions for community pharmacy that have been set out by NHS England and the Government; we are continuing to work closely with AIM, CCA, NPA and the RPS as well as the LPCs to influence these plans and to find ways to make them work for the sector.

The Government has made clear through the NHS Long Term Plan and GP Contract that it wants to better utilise the skills and reach of community pharmacy. However, this will require the sector to embrace a series of changes which we must start planning for now.

In particular, the emergence of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) – which must be formed by July 2019 – will bring changes for all healthcare providers working in the community, and it will be up to everyone in community pharmacy to ensure that our sector is included in these important emerging structures. Contractors and LPCs will need to be proactive in talking to one another to coordinate engagement with local GPs and PCNs, supported by PSNC and the other national community pharmacy representative bodies.

PSNC is in contact with NHS England and GP representatives to highlight the role that community pharmacies can play in PCNs. National messaging to GPs will encourage them to ensure that pharmacies are kept in the loop once PCNs are formed.

Our animation gives community pharmacies four action points to consider:

1. Start a conversation with other local pharmacies about how to collaborate within PCNs;
2. Together with other pharmacies and your LPC, talk to local GPs about their plans for the future;
3. Take all opportunities for further training and to provide services; and
4. Make contact with your LPC.

PSNC has created a resources list to help contractors to start working towards these points, and we will add to this as we develop new resources over the coming months. This is available from our animation webpage: [psnc.org.uk/futureofpharmacy](https://psnc.org.uk/futureofpharmacy)

**View PSNC's animation and learn more about the future of pharmacy at:** [ow.ly/nDEY30ozJmr](https://ow.ly/nDEY30ozJmr)

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