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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: CEO blog; HRT SSPs extended; Chief Transformation Officer appointed; medicines price adjustment and concessions update; reconciling EPS submission totals. CEO Blog: July 2022In a new update to the sector, PSNC’s CEO, Janet Morrison, talks about some of the very serious challenges that she has seen facing community pharmacies in England, and the urgent need to put the sector on a sustainable footing. As the NHS continues to struggle, Janet recognises the incredible efforts of pharmacy teams who are operating well beyond capacity to continue to provide vital healthcare advice and services to patients and the general public.[**Read the latest PSNC CEO blog**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=41282fbfcf&e=d19e9fd41c)12 SSPs for HRT medicines extendedTwelve of the thirteen Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) medicines have been extended until **28th October 2022**. This is to help manage the ongoing supply disruptions affecting the availability of these products. The HRT SSPs which have been extended include SSP019, SSP020 and SSPs 022 – 031. [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=21a146b195&e=d19e9fd41c)PSNC appoints Chief Transformation OfficerRobbie Turner has been appointed as PSNC’s Chief Transformation Officer, to work closely with LPCs as part of the [**Transforming Pharmacy Representation (TAPR) Programme**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=beb5348030&e=d19e9fd41c) of work. PSNC launched the TAPR Programme in response to the contractor vote in favour of the [**Review Steering Group’s proposals**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3d34f09566&e=d19e9fd41c). As part of the programme – alongside actioning the recommendations for PSNC – we will be supporting LPCs to implement their proposals.[**Learn more about Robbie's experience and the TAPR Programme**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=53ea091c06&e=d19e9fd41c)Adjusted price for Promethazine hydrochloride 10mg tabletsDue to the price change mechanism, the reimbursement price for Promethazine hydrochloride 10mg tablets has increased from £4.24 to £17.77 for the month of July 2022. Any prescription for Promethazine hydrochloride 10mg tablets x 56 submitted for payment to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for the month of July 2022 will be reimbursed at the new price of £17.77, not as per the price concession of £13.45 announced in the fourth concessions update published on 29th July 2022.**July Price Concessions: Fourth Update**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has granted an updated list of price concessions for July 2022.[**See the updated July price concessions list**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=46528d2ea5&e=d19e9fd41c) Reminder to reconcile your EPS submission totalsAs announced previously, all FP34C submissions are now through the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal only, changing the way that EPS totals reconciliation is done. PSNC recommends that contractors compare the number of electronic prescriptions sent and declared to the number that the NHSBSA has counted and priced.[**Read PSNC’s factsheet about reconciling EPS prescription totals**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9336ffc824&e=d19e9fd41c)  |  |
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