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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 26th September 2022 |

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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: PSNC CPCF Update; CPCF 2022/23 and 2023/24 information and resources; reminder to update NHS website and DoS profile.PSNC CPCF Update: Price Concessions ClarificationFollowing the announcement of the [**CPCF arrangements for 2022/23 and 2023/24**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=492f1ca6ed&e=d19e9fd41c) the PSNC Committee have been grateful for the support of many of the national pharmacy bodies, LPCs and contractors. This was a difficult decision for the Committee to take, but we believe securing the £100m margin write-off and other benefits for contractors was a critical first step in seeking extra support for the sector. PSNC has also noted the statement by the Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies (AIM) on the CPCF deal, which does not accurately reflect our position on price concessions.PSNC Members are deeply concerned about price concessions as we know that pharmacies cannot continue to fund the gap between reimbursement and purchasing prices for some medicines. This is why we continue to challenge concessions on a month-by-month basis, and why we have [**insisted that the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) resolve the unmanageable situation**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=68af1c15d7&e=d19e9fd41c).Given the urgency of the situation, we ensured that a firm commitment from Government to review the price concession system was included in the CPCF agreement. This helps us to hold them to account and ensure that this happens – we are continuing to put pressure on DHSC to deliver on their promise and have already had further discussions with them since we escalated the situation.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=db5018fb30&e=d19e9fd41c)CPCF Years 4 and 5: Arrangements and supportContractors are reminded that the [**arrangements for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) in 2022/23 and 2023/24**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8ebbfaf607&e=d19e9fd41c) have now been agreed. To help contractors to understand the detail of what has been agreed, PSNC has published a short summary briefing. PSNC also plans to hold an online contractor webinar on the CPCF for 2022/23 and 2023/24 on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm.[**Read the Year 4 and Year 5 CPCF summary briefing**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d368a05b32&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Register for the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1257497489&e=d19e9fd41c)**Making a start on the new Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2022/23**Initial details of the new Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) for this year have also been released as part of the arrangements for the CPCF in 2022/23 and 2023/24.PSNC's Services Team has produced a summary briefing outlining the training requirements for the 2022/23 Scheme. Contractors are recommended to make a start on PQS where capacity allows. [**Find out more about the 2022/23 PQS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5ecc05c12c&e=d19e9fd41c)Reminder to update NHS website and DoS profileContractors are reminded of the Terms of Service requirement to ensure they verify and, where necessary, update the information contained in their NHS website profile and their Directory of Services (DoS) profile at least once each quarter of the financial year. For the current financial quarter, the deadline for completing this is **30th September 2022**.Currently **80%** of pharmacy contractors have validated their profiles.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fd333a0cb3&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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