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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: Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey deadline; new Health Secretary appointed; Medicine Supply Notices.Have you completed the mandatory workforce survey yet?Community pharmacy contractors are reminded of the **mandatory requirement** to complete the 2022 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey, managed by Health Education England (HEE), by 30th November 2022. The NHS Business Services Authority sent an email to contractors on 6th October 2022 containing a link to the survey. In some cases, e.g. Company Chemists’ Association member companies and other larger multiple pharmacy groups, head offices will complete the survey centrally. If you are not sure whether the survey will be completed centrally, please ask your head office for guidance.[**Find out more about the survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ba039c7ded&e=d19e9fd41c) Steve Barclay returns to DHSC as Health SecretaryThe Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP has been appointed as the new Secretary of State for Health and Social Care following the appointment of Rishi Sunak MP as Leader of the Conservative Party and Prime Minister of the UK.Mr. Barclay takes over from Therese Coffey MP and is Conservative MP for North-East Cambridgeshire, having previously held the role of Health secretary between June – September 2022.[**Read more about the appointment**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=35d6f78a59&e=d19e9fd41c) New Medicine Supply Notices issuedThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued medicine supply notifications for the following products: * [**Pentoxifylline (Trental®) 400mg modified release tablets**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=649dea77a3&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Azelaic acid (Finacea®) 15% gel**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=53998f3ddc&e=d19e9fd41c)

A copy of the above notifications, including further information, has been sent to all pharmacy NHS email addresses.  |  |
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