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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 CEO briefs MPs on community pharmacy; full CPAF survey opens; think tank CEOs blog about pharmacy vision; Part VIIIB specials reclassified as special containers.PSNC CEO briefs MPs on sector challenges and opportunitiesPSNC Chief Executive Janet Morrison OBE this week took part in a briefing session of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Pharmacy, in Westminster Hall.She conveyed to MPs the severe financial and capacity pressures that the sector is experiencing, highlighting the fact that, despite an increase in the number of patient consultations taking place in pharmacy, there has been a real terms funding cut since 2016.The event also saw Taiwo Owatemi MP elected as the new Chair of the APPG for pharmacy, along with a number of vice-chairs and officers from across the political spectrum.[**Read more about the APPG event**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=651b01ffce&e=d19e9fd41c)Meanwhile, former pharmacy minister Steve Brine MP has been elected as Chair of the influential House of Commons Health & Social Care Committee. Steve has been a huge supporter of community pharmacy throughout the years and has been an active member of the APPG.[**See PSNC statement on Mr Brine's appointment**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1a3f94e5cd&e=d19e9fd41c)Full CPAF QuestionnaireSome community pharmacy contractors will shortly be asked to complete the full version of the Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) questionnaire. Selected pharmacies will be notified on 7th November via email from the NHS Business Services Authority.Pharmacies may be selected for the full CPAF questionnaire if, for example, they did not complete the screening questions earlier this year, or if there are concerns about the pharmacy relating to patient safety. Some pharmacies may also be selected to validate their answers to the screening questions.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8764d806ae&e=d19e9fd41c)Vision Project: A blog from Nuffield Trust and The King's FundThe Chief Executives of Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund have co-authored a blog about [**the community pharmacy vision and strategy project commissioned by PSNC**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f3d739fe57&e=d19e9fd41c).In the blog the project leads describe the opportunity to broaden the role of community pharmacy and to maximise its potential as a key part of primary care. They reference the various workstreams that will inform their final recommendations, such as discussions with those working in and with community pharmacy, examining the barriers that have previously hindered progress in the development of pharmacy services, and looking to align with other ambitions like the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's plans for pharmacy practice.Both think tanks say that the end outcome will go beyond simply recommending actions to also identify the key enablers needed to make the vision a reality.[**Read the blog**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f505b2f57d&e=d19e9fd41c)Nine Part VIIIB specials reclassified as special containersFollowing representations from PSNC, the Department of Health of Social Care (DHSC) has re-determined the special container status of **nine** unlicensed medicines listed in Part VIIIB of the Drug Tariff from **1st November 2022**.[**See the list**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=20a39869f2&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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