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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 27th February 2023 |

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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: Toolkit webinar now available on-demand; PSNC response to Help Us Help You campaign; chance to share your views with PSNC; HEE IP training; dispensing and supply updates.PSNC webinar on-demand: Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2023 Community pharmacy contractors can now access a recording of PSNC’s recent online workshop to help with completion of the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2022/2023. Around 500 people registered for last week’s workshop. More than nine in ten said they would recommend the webinar to others, with 100% saying that they found it useful. [**Watch the on-demand version of the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=64aee57ebf&e=d19e9fd41c) PSNC response to NHS England Help Us Help You campaignNHS England has today launched a new advertising campaign promoting community pharmacies. The Help Us Help You campaign recommends people go to their local pharmacy for help with non-urgent health advice for minor conditions including coughs, aches and colds.In response to the launch of this campaign, PSNC has warned NHS England that directing people to pharmacies in this way is irresponsible and Chief Executive, Janet Morrison, has shared her grave concerns in the following press statement: “Community pharmacies are the obvious first port of call for healthcare advice and this is why a national, fully funded Pharmacy First service makes so much sense. But the service must be fully funded: community pharmacies are at breaking point and cannot continue to operate without a significant injection of extra funds. We are making this point to Government and the NHS on a daily basis.It is always deeply concerning to see campaigns directing people to pharmacies without any regard for the pressures they are under: it is irresponsible and extremely unhelpful. This NHS campaign is particularly irritating just weeks after we rejected a series of proposals from NHS England and DHSC on relief measures to ease pressure on pharmacies as being totally inadequate. NHS England Board Members have noted the pressure on pharmacies – so why are their teams so often acting to make these pressures worse? We need to see a radical change in how NHS England treats pharmacies and we’re continuing to press for that via our influencing and campaigning work.”Reminder: Share your views on engaging with PSNCFrom April, PSNC will be renaming to Community Pharmacy England and putting in place a new communications and engagement strategy.  As we develop our new strategy, we would like to hear your views on what we can do better in the future, and how you want to engage with Community Pharmacy England. To help do this, our rebranding agency will be running a two-hour workshop on Zoom on **Tuesday 7th March, from 7pm to 9pm**.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f303241279&e=d19e9fd41c)HEE Independent prescribing coursesHealth Education England (HEE) is offering more independent prescribing courses from March 2023 for community pharmacists, including locums. This training enables pharmacists to support patients from diagnosis to prescribing, and to provide advice and follow-up – while also helping them to feel confident and prepared for the new challenges of their role. [**Learn more about this training**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=60224f398f&e=d19e9fd41c). Dispensing and Supply Updates**Drug Tariff Watch - March 2023**Our Dispensing and Supply Team has created a summary of the Drug Tariff changes for March 2023 to help pharmacy teams keep up-to-date with important dispensing information. This includes details of additions, deletions and category and price changes coming into effect from the start of March. [**See the March 2023 Drug Tariff Watch**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ac17550973&e=d19e9fd41c).**SSP Updates**The expiry date for a number of Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) has been extended until Friday 31st March 2023. [**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1330ff7d18&e=d19e9fd41c). **Medicines Defect Notice**A batch of Zestoretic 20mg/12.5mg tablets (Atnahs Pharma UK) contains outdated safety information. [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9f4bc58d55&e=d19e9fd41c). |  |
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