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| PSNC Newsletter |
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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent every Tuesday and Friday. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: CPCF arrangements for 2021/22; RSG survey on future models of representation; MHRA Drug Safety Update; RTEC case study.CPCF arrangements for 2021/22Contractors are reminded that following an intensive period of negotiations between PSNC, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the arrangements for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) in 2021/22 have been agreed, in line with the five-year CPCF deal.[**Read about the CPCF for 2021/22**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5899be96ac&e=d19e9fd41c)**CPCF Year 3 webinar**PSNC will be holding a webinar to discuss the arrangements for the CPCF in 2021/22 on **Wednesday 1st September**, at **7.30pm.** During the online event attendees will hear from PSNC Chief Executive Simon Dukes about the negotiations and have the chance to ask questions about the arrangements.[**Register for this event**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2b5aa1a653&e=d19e9fd41c)**Expansion of the New Medicine Service**One of the outcomes agreed from the negotiations for Year 3 of the CPCF is an expansion of the New Medicine Service (NMS). From **1st September 2021**, contractors can offer patients support when they are newly prescribed medicines to manage twelve additional conditions, including Acute coronary syndrome (ACS), Epilepsy and Glaucoma.[**Find out more about the expansion of the NMS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e9c7ca92e1&e=d19e9fd41c) RSG survey on future models of national and local organisations closing soonThose contractors unable to attend one of the focus groups held by the Pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG) at the end of last month or the start of this month on the future roles of national and local representative and support organisations are encouraged to [**read these slides**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a70757f734&e=d19e9fd41c) and share their views via the short surveys below before **Wednesday 1st September 2021**. [**Survey on the potential role of national organisations**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f6a09e8bb1&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Survey on the potential role of local organisations**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2196379bcc&e=d19e9fd41c)MHRA Drug Safety UpdateA new Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Drug Safety Update (Vol 15 Issue 1 August 2021) has been published and includes articles on: * COVID-19 vaccines
* Letters and medicine recalls sent to healthcare professionals

[**See the latest MHRA Drug Safety Updates in full**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8b10b12521&e=d19e9fd41c) The benefits of using RTECReal-Time Exemption Checking (RTEC) is a technical solution enabling PMR systems to evaluate if a patient has a known prescription charge exemption that can be automatically applied to their Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) prescription. PSNC recently spoke to David Broome, a pharmacy contractor in Leeds, about how RTEC has helped his work and has contributed to his pharmacies move towards a more paperless process.[**Read about the benefits of using RTEC**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9de61b9298&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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