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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Tuesday 28th September 2021 |

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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: Fuel and driver shortage impact being monitored; upcoming webinars; NMS information requirement postponed; updating NHS website and DoS profiles.Impact of fuel and driver shortages on medicines supply being closely monitoredPSNC has been monitoring the medicines supply situation, working with the Healthcare Distribution Association (HDA) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), for many months, looking at factors such as the reported shortages of HGV drivers, continuing impact of COVID-19 and travel disruption. The fuel supply issue over the weekend is yet another factor adding stress to the supply chain, and potentially for pharmacists getting to work. We understand that a significant number of pharmacies have experienced disruption to their deliveries today and we have flagged this to the DHSC.  We have been clear that pharmacies and medicines supply teams **must**be included in any prioritisation that the Government wishes to introduce for fuel supplies (though at the moment there is still no indication that priority groups will be introduced).The HDA said its Members were working hard to maintain supply despite very difficult conditions, and that pharmacies whose supply had been disrupted would be prioritised for deliveries tomorrow.Contractors are asked to continue to report any supply issues to us via our [**shortages reporting form**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c7e74d063a&e=d19e9fd41c), and we will look to HM Government to ensure the continued integrity of the medicines supply chain and healthcare services, including seeking further support for contractors and supply chain interventions should those be needed.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=578df6eb5a&e=d19e9fd41c) Dates for your diary**Webinar on changes to advance payments**PSNC and NHSBSA will be holding a joint webinar on the upcoming changes to advance payments and FP34C submission requirements on **Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm**. [**Register for this webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4b7977a4e5&e=d19e9fd41c)**Hypertension Case-Finding Service webinar**PSNC, in collaboration with NHSE&I, will be holding a webinar about the new Hypertension Case-Finding Service on **Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm**.[**Register for this webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3a6be0175f&e=d19e9fd41c) Requirement to submit NMS quarterly information postponedThe requirement for community pharmacy contractors to submit their completed New Medicine Service (NMS) summary data for July-September 2021 to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has been postponed for this quarter.Following discussions with PSNC, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has advised that this requirement is now not due to be reinstated until Quarter 3 (October-December 2021).[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7b3c404747&e=d19e9fd41c) Requirement 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 in each quarter of the financial year. The deadline for completing this for the current financial quarter is**30th September 2021**.[**Find out more about updating NHS website and DoS profiles**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0acca5e637&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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