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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 16th February 2022 |

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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: Please support our Advice Audit; medicines supply updates; medicines recall notice; February MHRA Drug Safety Update published.Take Part in PSNC’s Advice AuditPSNC is asking as many community pharmacy teams as possible to take part in the 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit **this week**, which can be completed over a single day. The audit will provide critical evidence for use in funding discussions with HM Government and the NHS, as well as information to support PSNC's wider advocacy work and help to make the case for the sector.For maximum impact, we need as many pharmacies as possible to take part.[**Learn more about the audit**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=627482b22f&e=d19e9fd41c)Medicines supply updates**New SSPs**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued two Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Lipitor 10mg and 20mg chewable tablets, which should be put into immediate effect by pharmacy teams.The SSPs permit Lipitor chewable tablets to be substituted for Atorvastatin tablets of the equivalent strength.[**Read more about SSP016 and SSP017**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fdedd0a6c7&e=d19e9fd41c)**Supply notices**DHSC has also recently issued medicine supply notifications for the following products: * [**Ciprofloxacin 0.3%/dexamethasone 0.1% ear drops**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b2a98a0dc1&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Piroxicam 20mg orodispersible tablets**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a706c6b969&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Atorvastatin 10mg/20mg chewable tablets**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a89b150b40&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Locorten Vioform® (flumetasone/clioquinol) 0.02% w/v / 1% w/v ear drops solution**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3fe84a5546&e=d19e9fd41c)

Medicines recall noticeThe Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a class 2 medicines recall for a certain batch of **Water for Injections BP 100ml vial**. This batch is being recalled as a precautionary measure following the identification of some out of specification results. [**Find out more about this recall**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a995b374ac&e=d19e9fd41c)February MHRA Drug Safety UpdateA new MHRA Drug Safety Update has been published. Articles include updated information on COVID-19 antivirals, vaccines and medicines, and more. [**Read the February MHRA Drug Safety Update**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2a74e93366&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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