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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 6th April 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: Referred back/disallowed items going fully digital; most contractors benefit from earlier advance payments; Hep C testing service extended; expiry of SSP017; improving access to pharmacy education; advice concerning arrivals from Ukraine.Referred back and disallowed items going fully digital via MYS from July 2022From July 2022 (for the dispensing month of June 2022), Manage Your Service (MYS) will be the only route available to community pharmacy contractors to view and submit the required information for all referred back and disallowed items.At present, using the MYS portal to receive referred back and disallowed items is optional with nearly half of all contractors signed up to receive these digitally. For those still currently using the paper-based route, the final paper referred back and disallowed items that will be sent through the post will relate to prescriptions dispensed in May 2022.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=df97eb2808&e=d19e9fd41c) Nearly 11,000 benefit from earlier advance payments in AprilOver 10,700 pharmacy contractors who declared their March 2022 FP34C submission figures through the MYS portal by 5th April 2022 will receive earlier advance payments on 11th April 2022 (circa 20 days earlier than the normal advance payment timetable). These contractors will receive a letter from NHSBSA regarding these payments.From April 2022, MYS is the only route available to contractors for all monthly FP34C submissions.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bdcf25976a&e=d19e9fd41c) Extension to Hep C testing service agreedNHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I), the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and PSNC have agreed that the Community Pharmacy Hepatitis C Antibody Testing (Advanced) Service should continue to be commissioned until 31st March 2023. The service was originally planned to conclude at the end of last month. [**Learn more about the Hep C testing service**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8a04a84a31&e=d19e9fd41c)Expiry of SSP017The Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Lipitor 20mg chewable tablets, SSP017, expired yesterday (5th April 2022) at 23.59pm. Any prescriptions for this product must now be dispensed in accordance with the prescription. [**See PSNC's top tips for SSP claims**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=170f061dc3&e=d19e9fd41c)Help improve access to pharmacy education and trainingHealth Education England (HEE) is working to improve access to pharmacy education and training and has commissioned an engagement exercise to discuss experiences. Pharmacy undergraduates, foundation trainees and recently qualified pharmacy professionals from Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities or those experiencing potential barriers are invited to attend a series of online workshops.[**Sign up for one of the workshops**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ece8a6370b&e=d19e9fd41c) Arrivals from Ukraine: advice for primary careThe Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have issued guidance to primary care professionals about how to address the health needs of patients ordinarily resident in Ukraine who have arrived in the UK in response to the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. [**Read the OHID/UKHSA guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=55a304e2a3&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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