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| **PSNC has now changed its name to Community Pharmacy England, with a strengthened commitment to championing pharmacies and engaging with the sector.** This newsletter is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector. |

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| In this update: Price concessions update; Statement on the negotiations; Pharmacy IT group progress; IT System requirement for Hypertension case-finding service. |

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| ****Price Concessions Update****The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has agreed that the following concessionary price granted in June will be rolled over for July 2023:* Alginate raft-forming oral suspension sugar free (500) - £3.80

From May 2023, DHSC implemented a process to roll over prices to the following month for any concessions requested after the 23rd of the month, provided these prices were agreed. **Atorvastatin tablets**We are aware of the growing concerns relating to the availability and pricing of Atorvastatin tablets and have raised this with DHSC. |

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| [**Learn more about price concessions**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2c37a58c5d&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Our CEO updates on the negotiationsOur CEO has released a statement today to explain that the negotiations process remains on track as we are presently working at pace with key stakeholders from the NHS and DHSC.**Chief Executive Janet Morrison said:**“There are a number of workstreams at play: we are involved in working groups on service expansion of Hypertension Case-Finding and the Pharmacy Contraception Scheme and service design for the Common Conditions Service; and are in in-depth negotiations on Payment models.The negotiations are complex and critical since we hope they will have implications for the foundations of the next contractual framework so it’s vital that we approach them with rigour and aim to future proof payment structures.”[Read the full statement](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=426421bed9&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Pharmacy IT workstreams update publishedWe have published a summary of the quarterly meeting of the Community Pharmacy IT Group (CP ITG) held in June 2023. As part of CP ITG, we have pushed for progress on IT workstreams, for example ensuring pharmacy teams have easier access to the right records at the right time. Some of the development work regarding records and other IT workstreams has been incorporated into the Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care.[Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b2e1ad9b41&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| ****Hypertension case-finding service: you must use an IT system from September****NHS England has announced that pharmacy owners will need to use an NHS approved clinical IT system to make their clinical records and payment claims for the Hypertension case-finding service from 1st September 2023.Four IT suppliers are initially expected to develop their systems to support the, but others suppliers may also add the service to their systems in the future. Pharmacy owners providing the service will need to consider which system they want to use and will then need to enter into a contract with that supplier.[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f2c00a6e73&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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