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| Daily Update  |
| Wednesday 9th June 2021 |

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|  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams, including details of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.   In today's update: Presentation of workplan to improve pharmacy representation; PSNC and MPs highlight the value of pharmacy; Pharmacy Superintendent recognised by PM; Pharmacy Inclusion and Wellbeing Pledge.Presentation of workplan to improve pharmacy representationCommunity pharmacy contractors are strongly encouraged to attend an upcoming event to hear about ongoing work to improve the services provided by PSNC and the LPCs. Following on from an independent review looking at the roles of PSNC and LPCs last year, the Pharmacy Representation Review Steering Group (RSG) has appointed programme management advisors (The Berkeley Partnership) to look at how to make improvements happen. The RSG and the team from Berkeley will share their final programme plan with the sector at a webinar on **Monday 14th June, between 7.30-8.45pm**.The online event will describe the journey needed to transform pharmacy representation so that PSNC and LPCs can collectively better hear and represent the voice of contractors in the future. PSNC recommends that contractors, LPCs, trade bodies, stakeholders and the pharmacy press join this event to hear about what to expect from the RSG in the coming months.[**Book your place on the RSG’s webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9f5346f279&e=d19e9fd41c)Further information about the RSG’s work can be found in this [**At A Glance Guide**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ab000d6332&e=d19e9fd41c) and on the [**RSG website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=53b6a107f8&e=d19e9fd41c).PSNC and MPs continue to highlight the value of pharmacyRecently there has been further recognition from MPs for the work community pharmacies are doing to support patients and the wider NHS, as well as the pressures facing the pharmacy workforce: * Nadhim Zahawi MP, the COVID-19 vaccine minister, thanked the more than 500 pharmacy-led vaccinations sites which have so far administered over five million vaccines across England;
* Jo Churchill MP, the pharmacy minister, praised 'highly-skilled' pharmacy teams; and
* MPs on the Health and Social Care Committee published a report on workforce burnout among NHS staff, which acknowledges the pressures facing those working in the pharmacy sector.

While this support from MPs is welcome, it is important to keep highlighting to local politicians all of the hard work pharmacies are doing to make them aware of the valuable support available through pharmacies and what local communities risk losing out on should that be taken away. PSNC is continuing its work to demonstrate the value of pharmacy to MPs and we have developed some resources to support contractors and LPCs who are briefing their own MPs. [**Read more and view PSNC's resources here**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ea580e0884&e=d19e9fd41c) Pharmacy Superintendent recognised by PM for efforts during pandemicCommunity pharmacist Pete Horrocks recently attended a special reception to thank NHS workers for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic at No 10 Downing Street. Mr Horrocks, the Superintendent Pharmacist at Knights Pharmacy, was chosen to represent community pharmacy’s hard work and dedication to supporting their patients and local communities over the past year.[**Find out more about this story**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=aa41eec88c&e=d19e9fd41c)RPS launches Pharmacy Inclusion and Wellbeing PledgeThe Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) has launched an Inclusion and Wellbeing Pledge for pharmacy to help make the profession inclusive, create a culture of belonging, and support pharmacy teams’ wellbeing. The pledge was created through discussions with organisations across the profession, including PSNC.Individuals and organisations can sign up to show their support for creating change in the workplace through a series of actions that will enable a safe and supportive working culture for all. [**Learn more about the RPS Inclusion and Wellbeing Pledge**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7f90d43976&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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