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| PSNC Newsletter |
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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: RSG survey on future models of representation; pharmacy C-19 booster role; self isolation rules clarified; safety culture survey; volunteers wanted to test weight management referral tool.RSG survey on future models of national and local organisations now openBetween the end of July and the beginning of August, the Pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG) conducted ten online focus groups with contractors LPCs, trade body representatives and wider stakeholders on the future roles of national and local representative and support organisations. Those who were unable to attend one of these focus groups are encouraged to [**read these slides**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bde659e9ac&e=d19e9fd41c) and share their views via the short surveys below before **Wednesday 1st September 2021**.[**Survey on the potential role of national organisations**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a370adf6b5&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Survey on the potential role of local organisations**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4f60ad7fd1&e=d19e9fd41c)National media promotes role of pharmacies in delivering COVID-19 boosters and flu jabs On Sunday, [**The Financial Times published an article**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2663c1de6e&e=d19e9fd41c) (note, only available to FT subscribers) about the central role that England's pharmacies are set to play in delivering COVID-19 booster jabs and flu vaccinations as we move into the Autumn.PSNC Director of NHS Services, Alastair Buxton, was quoted as saying that "around 1,700 or 2,000 pharmacies" are currently set to sign-up to deliver the immunisation programme - a jump from the 700 currently involved. And whilst there may be "some initial kinks in the system" to begin with, the sector is well placed to handle the demands of jointly administering vaccinations. Self-isolation rules for fully vaccinatedOn 16th August 2021, the Government changed the requirements to self-isolate following close contact with a positive COVID-19 case. NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) published a letter aimed at healthcare professionals at the end of last week and, since then, PSNC has clarified some of the details in regards to the community pharmacy sector. [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f599b575e3&e=d19e9fd41c) Patient Safety Culture SurveyThe Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group is inviting community pharmacy teams to complete a short survey on the culture of safety reporting within the sector. This anonymous survey has been designed to gather information on frontline teams’ perspectives of the culture around safety reporting, the enablers and barriers to reporting, the clarity of the reporting processes, and the confidence of those reporting.[**Complete the 2021 Safety Culture Survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=84d60b1739&e=d19e9fd41c) Volunteers needed to test referrals into the NHS Digital Weight Management ProgrammePSNC, on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I), is seeking to recruit volunteers to participate in testing the referral process for the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme. Volunteers will help shape the weight management referral process announced in the [**2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c38354f6ff&e=d19e9fd41c) and have early sight of this system before the PQS starts on 1st September 2021.[**Find out how your pharmacy can get involved**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4ff03e6621&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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