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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Friday 20th August 2021 |

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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: CPCS news and implementing the GP CPCS; care home C-19 vacs requirements; prescription signatures to return; using MYS to submit FP34Cs.CPCS News and Features**CPCS - when is it complete?**Contractors commonly ask our Services Team when a Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) referral can be considered as complete and so eligible to be claimed for at the end of the month. PSNC has now produced a guide to help contractors decide when a CPCS referral is complete.[**See the CPCS referrals guide**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3732d58a65&e=d19e9fd41c)**Changes to CPCS IT and procurement**The national procurement model currently in place to support community pharmacy contractors to deliver the CPCS has been extended to the **end of March 2022**. From this date, contractors providing the CPCS will be required to procure their own CPCS IT system from one of the assured providers, so contractors are encouraged to make the most of this additional time to choose their supplier.[**Learn more about the CPCS IT funding and procurement changes**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=521d2e5bba&e=d19e9fd41c)**Implementing the GP CPCS**The CPCS was extended to include [**referrals from general practices**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7a4f3fa487&e=d19e9fd41c) in November 2020 and Clark’s Chemist in Barnsley is one of the many pharmacies now receiving a significant number of minor illness referrals from general practices every week. [**Find out how your pharmacy can get GP CPCS set-up**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a357ab1ff6&e=d19e9fd41c)New guidance on COVID-19 vaccination requirements when working or deployed in care homesThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has published guidance on new [**regulations**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6d6f3642df&e=d19e9fd41c) which make COVID-19 vaccination a requirement for people working or deployed in care homes. The regulations will come into force on **11th November 2021** and apply to community pharmacy contractors providing services to care homes. [**View the DHSC guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=036c2ca000&e=d19e9fd41c)End of temporary suspension of signatures on prescriptionsThe temporary suspension of the requirement for patients (or their representatives) to sign the reverse of NHS prescription forms or EPS tokens is due to end on **31st August 2021**. In addition, the submission requirement of certain EPS tokens to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) is also due to resume from **1st September**. Whilst PSNC awaits confirmation from DHSC on these changes, we advise contractors to start making plans to return to capturing signatures on NHS prescriptions/tokens and to review the current submission processes to include relevant tokens with monthly bundles from September.[**Read about these changes and how to order EPS tokens**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3ea992a615&e=d19e9fd41c) Why use the Manage Your Service portal for end of month submissions? Contractors can submit their FP34c submission documents either via paper or the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal. Currently, [**over half**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=090c29a268&e=d19e9fd41c) of all contractors are using MYS to submit their end-of-month FP34c figures.PSNC supports contractors using the MYS portal to manage, submit and view their FP34c submissions digitally as MYS offers built-in validation to minimise the risk of data entry errors, the ability to view all past submissions in one place, an electronic record of the monthly FP34c declaration, and more.[**Learn more about MYS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4ef366dbff&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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