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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: CEO video update; new Pharmacy Minister confirmed; C-19 distribution service changes; October Category M prices; PhAS webinar on-demand. September video update from PSNC’s CEOIn his latest video update, PSNC's CEO Simon Dukes reflects on how the Government's original offer on contractor's COVID-19 costs has been proven inadequate in light of the [**arrangements for the payment of these costs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5635faa030&e=d19e9fd41c) announced earlier this week.[**Watch the video update**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=13cd3bb5b2&e=d19e9fd41c) New Pharmacy MinisterMaria Caulfield MP has been named as the new Minister with responsibility for pharmacy. Her official title is Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Patient Safety and Primary Care. She replaces Jo Churchill MP who moves to the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs. Following the latest reshuffle, the Department for Health and Social Care has reorganised its Ministerial briefs. Ms Caulfield has a wide-ranging portfolio of responsibilities including primary care, community health, major diseases, patient safety, maternity care, inquiries, cosmetic regulation, gender identity services, blood transplants & organ donation and fertility & embryology.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3ee3c2f367&e=d19e9fd41c)COVID-19 LFD distribution service changesAn updated version of the NHS Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Distribution Service (Pharmacy Collect) service specification will apply from **4th October 2021**.Ahead of this, PSNC reminds contractors providing the service of the need to ensure that they are displaying the new NHS Test and Trace marketing materials, where space permits. Or, if a contractor chooses not to provide the amended service, they must notify NHS Test and Trace by **23:59 on 26th September 2021**.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b3f5764d69&e=d19e9fd41c) October 2021 Category M Prices AnnouncedThe Drug Tariff Category M pricelist for July 2021 has been published on the [NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) website](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f2abacbe04&e=d19e9fd41c). Adjustments have been agreed based on PSNC's analysis of margin delivery and on current projections for 2021/22. [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=803a39aaf9&e=d19e9fd41c)PhAS 2022 webinar now on-demandPSNC’s webinar on the [**updated 2022 Pharmacy Access Scheme (PhAS)**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=740e839750&e=d19e9fd41c) is now available on-demand. Nearly 90% of attendees said they would recommend the webinar to others, with over half (56%) saying that they found it very useful.  [**View an on-demand version of the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e4326a49ed&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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