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| PSNC Newsletter |
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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: PSNC responds to today's budget; LFD test kit stock check; November Drug Tariff Watch notices; PQS Aspiration payment deadline.Autumn Budget: PSNC warns of ongoing squeeze on pharmacies Today's budget promised additional funding for the NHS, including for some 50 million more primary care appointments as part of 100 community diagnostic centres. However, no specific pledges were made about supporting community pharmacy.PSNC's comprehensive bid for an uplift to Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) funding made earlier this year was ultimately rejected by HM Treasury. We remain concerned about the rising pressures on all pharmacies and we are continuing to work to quantify these and to highlight the urgent need for support – both funding, and to ease capacity pressures – to HM Government and the NHS.PSNC will also continue to work with others across the sector to ensure that policy makers understand the critical role that pharmacies are playing in supporting the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the enormous value that the sector delivers.[**Learn more about today's budget announcement**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5afdee66d5&e=d19e9fd41c) How many LFD test kits do you have in stock?This week a communications campaign will remind parents that children aged 11-18 should have a lateral flow test before they return to school after half-term. This campaign may mean that contractors who are providing the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Distribution Service (Pharmacy Collect) see an increase in demand for test kits. Contractors are, therefore, encouraged to review their stock levels to ensure that they have adequate stock of test kits.[**Read more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=dabfeb443b&e=d19e9fd41c) November 2021 Drug Tariff noticesPSNC’s Dispensing and Supply Team has created a summary of the Drug Tariff changes for November. This includes details of additions, deletions and category and price changes.[**See the November 2021 Drug Tariff Watch**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=354af8ad91&e=d19e9fd41c)**Deletion of unlicensed Venlafaxine oral solution listings**Venlafaxine 37.5mg/5ml and 75mg/5ml sugar free oral solution is being removed from Part VIIIB of the Drug Tariff because licensed alternatives are now available.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9adc15742b&e=d19e9fd41c) PQS Aspiration payment deadlineCommunity pharmacy contractors are reminded that the deadline to claim an Aspiration payment for the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) is **11.59pm on 29th of October 2021**. Declarations must be made on the [**Manage Your Service (MYS) portal**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1530a0b8a5&e=d19e9fd41c).[**Find out how to claim for an Aspiration payment**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=68cf9691b0&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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