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|  | This newsletter from PSNC contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: LFD stock update; pharmacy recognised in New Year Honours; revised PhAS begins; NHS Service Finder reminder.Pharmacy Collect: UKHSA update on LFD stockAs the unprecedented public demand for Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits via the Pharmacy Collect service continues, PSNC has been in regular contact with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) about the supply issues and we have the following update for pharmacy teams.By the end of this week, the UKHSA will have distributed over 8 million tests to Alliance Healthcare (representing c.1,142,800 individual packs of 7 tests and just over 19,000 cartons). The UKHSA has indicated that Alliance Healthcare are delivering 86% of their orders within 24 hours of the pharmacy order, with almost half of that on the same day.For the remainder of January the UKHSA is planning to distribute 10.5 million tests per week, replenishing Alliance Healthcare depots as test kits are distributed to pharmacies. A plan to switch on a Parcel Force delivery contingency is also being finalised to help support the supply of a further 3.5 million test kits.PSNC is concerned about continuing reports of verbal abuse, especially where members of the public are not aware that having a code does not guarantee that supply is available. Whilst hoping that these further steps to increase supply will start to have a positive impact soon, we will continue to raise concerns with the UKHSA on an ongoing basis.[**Read further information and comment from PSNC**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c0463ffe24&e=d19e9fd41c)Pharmacy recognised in New Year HonoursThe [**New Year Honours List 2022**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6d3d147ade&e=d19e9fd41c) was published on New Year's Eve, with many people recognised for their exemplary work during the COVID-19 pandemic.PSNC would like to extend its congratulations to all of those recognised for their work in and around pharmacy. In particular, we want to give a special mention to our pharmacy colleagues: Ade Williams, Superintendent Pharmacist at Bedminster Pharmacy; Professor Mahendra Patel, a Pharmacist and former Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) Board Member; and Asif Aziz, Director of Healthcare Services at Boots UK.Revised Pharmacy Access Scheme begins - review application window now openA revised version of the Pharmacy Access Scheme (PhAS) began on 1st January 2022. Community pharmacy contractors eligible under the updated criteria will receive the first of the new monthly PhAS payments for their pharmacy with the January reconciliation payment due on 1st April 2022.**The review application window** started on 4th January 2022 and **closes at midnight on 4th February 2022**.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b96d523625&e=d19e9fd41c)Online NHS directory helps find most appropriate serviceCommunity pharmacy teams are reminded to make use of the [**NHS Service Finder**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4319983a70&e=d19e9fd41c) online search tool. This tool provides fast, accurate online information about local health and social care services, thereby enabling pharmacy staff to signpost patients to the most appropriate care and removing the need for them to refer to outdated directories.[**Sign up to the NHS Service Finder**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e6b5d55671&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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