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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | PSNC Newsletter | | Friday 14th January 2022 | | | |  | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | |  | 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: Pharmacy delivers over 22 million COVID jabs; changes to CPCS; extension of free PPE provision; latest medicine notices.Over 22 million COVID vaccines delivered by pharmacy More than 22 million jabs have been delivered by community pharmacy-led COVID vaccination sites in the past 12 months.  Pharmacies have been central to the Government's COVID response, and the latest figures from NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) show just how significant a contribution they have made to the vaccination efforts.  The figures were revealed in today's Primary Care Bulletin from NHSE&I as part of a thank you to community pharmacy teams for their work on the one-year anniversary of the sector delivering COVID-19 vaccinations.  [**Read PSNC's comment and watch NHSE&I's thank you video**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=07fb1c0b9d&e=d19e9fd41c) Changes to CPCS: More referrals from NHS 111 and the need to choose an IT system **More CPCS referrals expected from NHS 111** Contractors can expect to receive more referrals from NHS 111 for the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) following a review of the NHS Pathway algorithms.  The changes introduce three new condition types (scratches and grazes, teething, sinusitis) and incorporate general health information requests. Based on NHS 111 call volumes data, these changes could generate 275,000 additional referral opportunities annually.  [**Read more about this change**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c9dfc099ac&e=d19e9fd41c)  **CPCS IT deadline approaching** The national procurement of IT support for the CPCS is due to finish at the end of March 2022. Contractors that want to continue providing the service must, therefore, confirm their choice of CPCS IT system by no later than **February 2022**. Those contractors who choose to stay with their current IT provider still need to confirm this.  [**Learn more about the CPCS provider pays model**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=127b06896a&e=d19e9fd41c) Free PPE for pharmacy teams extended for another year The Government's offer of free personal protective equipment (PPE) to frontline health and social care staff in England, including community pharmacy teams, has been extended for another year until **31st March 2023**.  The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is also developing an improved platform for the procurement of PPE that will be quicker and easier to use. This is due to be rolled out from April 2022.  [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9b134ea204&e=d19e9fd41c) Medicines updates **Drug Tariff price re-determination for Metformin** Following request from PSNC, the reimbursement prices for Metformin 850mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (150ml) and Metformin 1g/5ml oral solution sugar free (150ml) for the month of November 2021 have been re-determined.  [**Read more about this price re-determination**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e3daa3e878&e=d19e9fd41c)  **SSP014 extension** The Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Salazopyrin EN-Tabs 500mg, SSP014, has been extended to Friday 21st January 2022.  [**Learn more about SSP014**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f02a1a6351&e=d19e9fd41c) |  | |  |  |  | | | |
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