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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: Reminder to update NHS website and DoS profiles; DHSC consultation published on hub and spoke dispensing; new SSP for Salazopyrin tablets.Requirement to update NHS website and DoS profile by end of March 2022Community pharmacy contractors are reminded of the Terms of Service requirement to ensure they verify and, where necessary, update the information contained in their NHS website profile **and** their Directory of Services (DoS) profile at least once each quarter of the financial year. For the current financial quarter, the deadline to complete this is **31st March 2022**. There is also a requirement to ensure that a pharmacy’s NHS website profile and DoS profile include their opening hours on bank holidays. Since Easter falls in April this year, contractors may also consider updating this information now for Good Friday and Easter Sunday to ensure that this is available ahead of the Easter period.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2a811625ba&e=d19e9fd41c)DHSC consultation on hub and spoke dispensingThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has today published its consultation on the proposals to enable all community pharmacies to access hub and spoke dispensing. The consultation is due to run for three months and will close on **June 8th, 2022**.The consultation seeks the views of stakeholders operating within the community pharmacy sector on key areas, including patient safety, governance, transparency, and accountability, and includes proposals on two different models of hub and spoke dispensing. PSNC’s Regulation and Support Team will respond to this consultation in due course.[**Learn more about the consultation**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ae2827e1a5&e=d19e9fd41c) New SSP issued for Salazopyrin tabletsIn response to significant ongoing disruption to the supply of Salazopyrin 500mg tablets, DHSC has issued a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP), SSP018. Effective from today (16th March), SSP018 provides that for every Salazopyrin 500mg tablet originally prescribed, one Sulfasalazine 500mg tablet must be supplied.[**Read more about SSP018**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d4f52a7c48&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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