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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Monday 13th June 2022 |

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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: Smartcard renewal deadlines; MHRA Class 2 Medicines recall; PSNC website upgrade; FAQ on Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops.Smartcard renewal deadlines approachingCommunity pharmacy team members are encouraged to check the expiry date of their NHS Smartcards and if the expiry date is approaching, to ensure that they renew their Smartcard in advance of this date.A large number of Smartcards are due to pass their expiry date in June 2022; 140,000 Smartcards are due for renewal on 27th June 2022. If a Smartcard passes its expiry date without renewal, additional steps will be needed to get the Smartcard working again, therefore, we advise that you renew any Smartcards before their expiry date.[**Find out how to renew NHS Smartcards**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1a4db92871&e=d19e9fd41c) Class 2 Medicines Recall NoticeThe Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a class 2 medicines recall notice  for Phenobarbital 60mg tablets. The producer, Bristol Laboratories Limited, are recalling a specific batch of this product as a precautionary measure due to irregular results during routine testing. Contractors should stop supplying the specified batch immediately, quarantine all remaining stock and return it to the supplier using their approved process.[**View the full drug alert**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=402873da69&e=d19e9fd41c) PSNC website upgradeThe PSNC website upgrade is due to be completed tomorrow and visitors may experience some slow running or intermittent downtime during the course of the day. Please bear with us whilst we undertake this essential maintenance to improve the functionality of the website going forwards. If you have trouble accessing information or guidance from PSNC, you can still reach us via **info@psnc.org.uk** or 0203 1220 810.

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| Have you seen our latest FAQs? |

PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams, and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions on **Part VIIIA of the Drug Tariff**include:**Q. Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops 10ml were deleted from Part VIIIA of the June 2022 Drug Tariff; is this item still allowed on NHS prescriptions?****A.** Yes, Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops are available as a medical device and can be dispensed against NHS prescriptions as the product is listed in the Appliances section (Part IXA) of the Drug Tariff. The licensed medicinal product was deleted from Part VIIIA of the June 2022 Tariff after it was discontinued by its manufacturer. The following preparations listed in Part IXA can be dispensed against a generically written prescription for Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops 10ml:  * AaproMel
* Lumecare Hypromellose 0.3% Eye Drops
* Lumecare Tear Drops
* Mandanol
* Ocufresh
* Teardew 0.3%

Against generically written prescriptions for Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops, pharmacy teams must endorse the brand name of the product dispensed as listed in the Tariff. If a brand name is not endorsed, the prescription will be referred back to the pharmacy to add in the missing details. If a brand of a product not listed in Part IXA of the Tariff is endorsed, the item will be disallowed by the NHS Business Services Authority. Note: different strengths and unit dose preservative free formulations of Hypromellose eye drops are also listed in the Tariff.   |  |
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