**Key News and Guidance for LPCs**

 *Week ending 29th May*

**Last week’s news stories:**

**May 2022 Price Concessions: 2nd update**

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has granted the revised list of price concessions for May 2022. Read more here: [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/may-2022-price-concessions-2nd-update/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/may-2022-price-concessions-2nd-update/)

**Medicine supply notification updates**

Updates have been issued for the following medicine supply notifications:

* [**Estradiol (Oestrogel® ) pump pack 0.06% gel**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/medicine-supply-notification-estradiol-oestrogel-pump-pack-0-06-gel/)
* [**Estriol (Ovestin® ) 1mg cream**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/medicine-supply-notification-estriol-ovestin-1mg-cream/)

DHSC has also issued medicine supply notifications for the following products:

* [**Estradiol (Sandrena® ) 500microgram and 1mg gel sachets**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/medicine-supply-notification-estradiol-sandrena-500microgram-and-1mg-gel-sachets/)
* [**Estradiol (Lenzetto® ) 1.53mg/dose transdermal spray**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/medicine-supply-notification-estradiol-lenzetto-1-53mg-dose-transdermal-spray/)
* [**Methylphenidate (Xaggitin® XL) 18mg, 27mg, 36mg and 54mg prolonged-release tablets**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/medicine-supply-notification-methylphenidate-xaggitin-xl-18mg-27mg-36mg-and-54mg-prolonged-release-tablets/)
* [**Colestipol (Colestid® ) orange and plain 5g granules sachets**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/medicine-supply-notification-colestipol-colestid-orange-and-plain-5g-granules-sachets/)

**Technical issues with display of CPCS claims in MYS**

Contractors using the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal will have received an email from the NHS Business Services Authority informing them of an issue relating to the totals of Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) claims displayed in the portal. As a result of this issue, contractors that have recently amended a record on their point of care system for the CPCS may find that the overall claim totals displayed in the MYS portal do not match their records. Read more: **https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/technical-issues-with-display-of-cpcs-claims-in-mys/**

**Have you completed the DMS DoC?**

Community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are reminded that they must complete the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) Declaration of Competence (DoC) before starting to provide the service. Read more: [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/have-you-completed-the-dms-doc-3/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/have-you-completed-the-dms-doc-3/)

**England’s new Chief Pharmaceutical Officer praises the work of community pharmacy**

At the National Meeting of LPCs and PSNC held earlier this month, the recently appointed Chief Pharmaceutical Officer (CPhO) for England, David Webb, delivered a keynote speech in which he set out his personal priorities for the next few years, and thanked community pharmacy teams for their work throughout the pandemic. Read more: [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/englands-new-chief-pharmaceutical-officer-praises-the-work-of-community-pharmacy/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/englands-new-chief-pharmaceutical-officer-praises-the-work-of-community-pharmacy/)

**Class 4 Medicines Defect Information Notice:** **Loprazolam 1mg tablets**

The Medicines and Health products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a class 4 medicines defect information notice for **Loprazolam 1mg tablets (Orifarm UK Ltd). Read more:** [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/class-4-medicines-defect-information-loprazolam-1mg-tablets-orifarm-uk-ltd/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/class-4-medicines-defect-information-loprazolam-1mg-tablets-orifarm-uk-ltd/)

**Drug Tariff Watch – June 2022**

**PSNC’s Dispensing and Supply Team has published a summary of the changes to the Drug Tariff for June 2022. Read more:** [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/drug-tariff-watch-june-2022/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/drug-tariff-watch-june-2022/)

**HEE Clinical Skills Training – Survey**

Health Education England (HEE) is seeking the views of frontline community pharmacists to aid in the development of further training modules to support pharmacists to provide NHS community pharmacy services across England. Read more: [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/hee-clinical-skills-training-survey/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/hee-clinical-skills-training-survey/)

**Data Security and Protection Toolkit Workshop now on-demand**

PSNC’s workshop about the Data Security and Protection Tool is now available to view on-demand. 85% of contractors who attended the workshop said they found it useful and 80% said they would recommend it to others. Read more: [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/data-security-and-protection-toolkit-workshop-now-on-demand-2/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/data-security-and-protection-toolkit-workshop-now-on-demand-2/)

**Support the development of the new NHS Booking and Referral Standard**

NHS Digital is inviting community pharmacy teams to share their views on the new Booking and Referral Standard (BaRS). BaRS is an interoperability standard for healthcare IT systems which should enable booking and referral information to be sent to or from care providers quickly, safely and in a format useful to clinicians. Read more: [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/support-the-development-of-the-new-nhs-booking-and-referral-standard/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/support-the-development-of-the-new-nhs-booking-and-referral-standard/)

**Updated endorsement guidance and FAQs for HRT SSPs now live**

PSNC has been informed that NHSBSA has received several claims endorsed with an incorrect/invalid Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) number for supplies made in accordance with Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) SSPs. Incorrect endorsements will affect pharmacy payments. Where in doubt, contractors should check with their PMR system supplier on the correct use of the SSP endorsement functionality available on their system. To support contractors, PSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team has created some easy to use [**flow charts**](https://psnc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/HRT-SSP-flowchart.pdf) to help pharmacists select the correct SSP for HRT medicines. These charts also include information about the correct SSP endorsement requirements and charge status to apply to the Electronic Reimbursement Endorsement Messages (EREMs) before SSP claims are submitted for payment to the NHSBSA. Read more: [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/endorsement-guidance-and-faqs-for-hrt-ssps-now-live/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/endorsement-guidance-and-faqs-for-hrt-ssps-now-live/)

**FP34C submission deadline extended**

Due to the upcoming Jubilee bank holidays, contractors have until **7th June 2022** to submit their FP34C declaration through the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal for NHS pharmaceutical services delivered in May 2022. This one-off extended submission deadline has been granted by DHSC to ensure contractors have sufficient time to submit their FP34Cs through MYS in order to receive earlier advance payment. Read more: [**https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/contractor-notice-extended-fp34c-submission-deadline-for-prescriptions-dispensed-in-may-2022/**](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/contractor-notice-extended-fp34c-submission-deadline-for-prescriptions-dispensed-in-may-2022/)

**COVID-19 Appendix**

**Remember: Key actions to take during the pandemic**

Contractors and pharmacy teams can take the following actions to ensure they are well prepared:

* Read the [**NHSE&I guidance**](https://psnc.org.uk/the-healthcare-landscape/covid19/contractor-guidance-and-support/) **and implement its recommended actions;**
* Clearly display the [**COVID-19 poster**](https://psnc.org.uk/the-healthcare-landscape/covid19/information-for-the-public/) **at points of entry to your pharmacy;**
* Read your [**business continuity plan**](https://psnc.org.uk/contract-it/essential-service-clinical-governance/emergency-planning/) **and consider whether it needs to be updated to reflect the current and emerging situation;**
* Keep up to date with developments by regularly checking the information on [**COVID-19 on GOV.UK**](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wuhan-novel-coronavirus)**, the** [**NHSE&I Coronavirus Primary Care**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/primary-care/) **webpage and checking your NHSmail shared mailbox on a regular basis for updates from NHSE&I; and**
* Where possible, display the [**public health advice posters**](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5016) **on hand washing, face coverings etc.**

**Guidance for healthcare professionals**

The key guidance for health professionals is available on the Public Health England (PHE) section of the GOV.UK website:

[**COVID-19: guidance for health professionals (GOV.UK)**](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wuhan-novel-coronavirus)

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) published guidance for primary care teams on 27th February 2020. This includes a specific document for community pharmacy teams, which takes the guidance already available on the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wuhan-novel-coronavirus), but contextualises it for the community pharmacy environment.

[**NHSE&I Coronavirus Primary Care webpage**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/primary-care/)

The guidance explains how to deal with patients presenting in the pharmacy with suspected COVID-19 infection and preparations pharmacy contractors can take to deal with such a scenario. All pharmacy contractors should read the guidance and then undertake appropriate preparations for dealing with potentially infected patients.