

Here are some of the stories to be aware of from this week, with [blue](#) links to more information. Please share with all pharmacy staff.

CPSS news

- Our next call-in-clinic for **Quality Payments** is on Monday 11 February from 1pm to 9pm, in advance of the review point on 15 February. Hinal will be available on 07483 172585 to take calls, answers questions and give clarity. Call back if the number keeps ringing as this usually means the line is busy.
- We are delighted to have been involved with this much needed [new video to highlight the extensive support that community pharmacies offer young adult carers](#) when they have responsibility for medicines. [Read how the C+D reported it](#), with a direct quote from James Wood our Chief Executive.

PSNC news

- Community Pharmacy contractors are [now able to make a declaration for a Quality Payment for the 15 February 2019 review point](#) of the Quality Payments Scheme.
- Last month's [five-year framework for GP services](#) implements commitments in the [NHS Long Term Plan](#) for changes to the GP contract and sets the direction for primary care for the next five years. [This PSNC Briefing sets out a summary of the key aspects of the framework, which are of most relevance to community pharmacy teams and LPCs.](#)
- **Price concessions:** a transcribing error meant some products were missed -off a list circulated last week. Here is the [FINAL list for January 2019](#)
- **FMD:** last week the [UK Community Pharmacy FMD Working Group issued a statement which provides guidance to contractors on meeting the requirements by 9th February.](#)

NHS and Public Health England news

- On Monday 4 Feb NHS England launched the [#PharmacyAdvice](#) campaign under the [#HelpUsHelpYou](#) brand. This is a mandatory campaign which counts towards pharmacy's six public health campaigns for the year. [Please make sure your pharmacy is displaying the campaign material.](#)
- **Action required:** [Fax messages received by incorrect recipient](#)
- **NUMSAS:** Have you seen the [new NUMSAS training module](#)? It is an interactive guide to the service and has links to videos to illustrate various points. Also see: [NUMSAS Provider Update Jan 2019](#)
- [Issue 34 of NHS Prescription Services 'Hints & Tips'](#) for dispensing contractors is now available. ([and here is a printable version](#))

Public health, CCG and other partners news

Surrey

- Here is the January 2019 edition of East Surrey's [MMM and the Medicines Safety Matters Newsletters](#)

East Sussex

- Here is [East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee \(HOSC\) newsletter](#)
- Here is February 2019's [bulletin from East Sussex public health](#)
- Here is a reminder about East Sussex and Brighton and Hove's [public health local service agreements in 2019-20](#) which we understand has already been emailed to contractors in each area.

In the news

Brexit and medicines supply

- The UK's exit from the European Union in March 2019 is continuing to dominate the national news. Please take time to read the following, if you haven't already: [Key actions for contractors](#) and [Latest information and guidance](#)
- PSNC is representing the interests of Community Pharmacies in important discussions on these topics as part of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) EU Brexit Medicines working group.
- PSNC has also prepared some communications materials to help with queries about these issues. Please refer to the following to support you and your teams in discussing these topics with patients, prescribers and others:
 - [Patient Leaflet](#): Information for you to download and print should you have patients affected by medicines shortages
 - [Drug Shortages Briefing for Prescribers](#): Information about medicines supply issues to help you discuss with GPs, CCGs and other NHS prescribers.
 - [Price Concessions Factsheet](#): This briefing explains how the price concessions system works and so may help to explain the pricing issues if you need to

Events & training

- 10 March 2019 [RPS Surrey Pharmacy Conference on Pharmacy Integration](#) (9:15am Cobham)
- Wednesday 20 March 2019 [The future of community pharmacies promoting local collaboration and securing the benefits of holistic community care](#) (A PPE conference in central London with 20% early registration discount until 8th February 2019)

Look out for :

- *Issue 2 of News and Headlines* on 21 February
- *Your next Newsletter* on, or around 28 March
- [View news archive](#)

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