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New Medicine Service (NMS) provided by 83% of community pharmacies

Just a year after the launch of the New Medicine Service (NMS), the vast majority of community pharmacies have provided it to their patients.

Payment data from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) shows that by the end of June this year, 9,467 pharmacies in England (83% of contractors) had claimed payment for the service since its launch in October 2011.

Between them the pharmacies providing the NMS have done so more than 369,000 times over a period of 9 months.

PSNC is delighted to see so many contractors providing the NMS, and is encouraging them to continue offering the service to all eligible patients.

The service is now being evaluated by independent researchers commissioned by the Department of Health, and it is important that pharmacies keep demonstrating their willingness to provide the service and targeted MURs.

PSNC is also calling for examples of how the NMS has really made a difference to patients in the past year – contractors can email their stories to alastair.buxton@psnc.org.uk.

Alastair Buxton, Head of NHS Services at PSNC said: “It’s fantastic to see so many pharmacies engaging with the New Medicine Service as we approach its first birthday. And it’s a real credit to contractors and their teams that they are starting to build this service into their already busy routines.

We would urge contractors to continue to offer the NMS and targeted MURs to as many patients as they can, and, where they have positive experiences and really make a difference to patients, share these stories with us as well as with LPCs, colleagues, and even local GPs.”

Notes to Editors

About PSNC

- PSNC promotes and supports the interests of all NHS community pharmacies in England. We are recognised by the Secretary of State for Health as the body that represents NHS pharmacy contractors. We work closely with Local Pharmaceutical Committees to support their role as the local NHS representative organisations.



- Our goal is to develop the NHS community pharmacy service, and to enable community pharmacies to offer an increased range of high quality and fully funded services; services that meet the needs of local communities, provide good value for the NHS and deliver excellent health outcomes for patients.

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