

## **PSNC response to new supply shortages research**

In response to the findings by Pharmacy Voice showing the extent of the distress caused to patients by supply shortages, Komal Patel, PSNC Head of Support Services at PSNC, said:

“These results add to the weight of evidence on branded medicines supply problems and the impact they are having. Branded medicines supply problems have not gone away. Pharmacies are spending far too much time sourcing medicines for patients and are still reporting difficulties to PSNC. Although for many pharmacies this work has now become a part of everyday life, many remain frustrated by the length of time it takes to source medicines through emergency supply routes.

“PSNC welcomed the APPG report on this matter over the summer and its call for the Department of Health to give an update on progress in November – the ball is now in the Department’s court and we look forward to its update in due course. In the meantime it is extremely helpful if contractors report all problems to PSNC so that we have up-to-date information on the matter – pharmacies can do this using the online feedback form at [www.psn.org.uk/quota\\_feedback.php](http://www.psn.org.uk/quota_feedback.php) or by calling the PSNC Information Team on 0844 381 4180 or 0203 1220 810.”

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Notes to editors:

- PSNC (The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee) is the body that represents community pharmacies in England and Wales on NHS matters.
- The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) is recognised by the Secretary of State for Health as the representative of community pharmacy on NHS matters. PSNC's main objective is to secure the best possible NHS service opportunities, remuneration, terms and conditions for NHS pharmacy contractors in England. PSNC represents and promotes the interests of 10,500 pharmacy contractors (pharmacy owners) in England. It is the role of PSNC to liaise with the Department of Health and representatives of the NHS in England to negotiate the contractual terms for the provision of NHS community pharmacy services.
- For further information, including links to the academic literature on the subject, please contact Amy Bourke or Sam MacAuslan on 020 618 9187 or [psnc@luther.co.uk](mailto:psnc@luther.co.uk).