

NHS Information Strategy: PSNC response

The Department of Health has today published its information strategy – The power of information – which sets a ten-year framework for transforming information for the NHS, public health and social care. PSNC has welcomed the strategy, particularly on access to medical records.

PSNC NHS IT Lead, Lindsay McClure said:

“This ten year strategy for information in the NHS is good news for pharmacy. The ten year framework gives us a much better understanding of how pharmacy information systems will need to develop over time. Importantly, this is a strategy that will arm pharmacists with tools to better carry out their clinical role, rather than introducing more bureaucracy.

“Looking at the strategy in detail, it’s possible to imagine a future where patients would be able to give their pharmacy access to their medical records, which would facilitate the process of moving towards a clinical relationship with patients.”

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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.
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