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Over 4,000 pharmacies providing MURs!

The latest figures released by the NHSBSA PPD show that over 4,100 contractors in England claimed payments for MURs in November 2006.

There was also another healthy rise in the number of MURs conducted to over 63,000.

Commenting on the figures, Alastair Buxton, Head of NHS Services, PSNC said:

"Contractors are now recognising that the future of the community pharmacy service lies in developing what we offer to patients. The month on month growth in MURs conducted is very pleasing to see and demonstrates that the profession is getting to grips with this service. Contractors, LPCs and the pharmacy bodies have put a lot of effort into supporting pharmacists to provide MURs; it is essential that we all continue to work towards a situation where MURs are 'business as usual' for community pharmacies and their patients."

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Notes for editors:

1. The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) is the body that represents community pharmacy on NHS matters and seeks to secure the best possible NHS services provided by pharmacy contractors in England and Wales.
2. Full MUR statistics are available at www.psn.org.uk/statistics.

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