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PSNC response to AstraZeneca delay in new distribution arrangements

AstraZeneca have written to all pharmacies to inform them that implementation of their new distribution arrangements has been delayed until 2008.

In response to the delay, Lindsay McClure, Head of Information Services stated, "We welcome AstraZeneca's statement that they will be carrying out further consultation with their customers, however, we remain concerned about the impact that AstraZeneca's new arrangements may have on community pharmacies. We have met with representatives from AstraZeneca and explained this in detail to them."

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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.

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