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Joint statement re: merger, issued by Chris Hodges and Dilip Joshi

The NPA and PSNC have decided not to pursue consideration of a merger between the two organisations. Both organisations have distinct roles; we provide different services for pharmacy owners and although we will continue to work closely together on many issues, on examination we did not find a compelling case for a merger of the two bodies.

We have been through a careful process of consideration, which it is right to do from time to time, to ensure that our operations offer the best service and best value for pharmacy owners.

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Notes to editors

1. The National Pharmacy Association (NPA) was established in 1921 as the trade association of community pharmacy owners. To reflect the changes in the pharmacy environment the NPA now extends membership and its associated benefits to all members of the community pharmacy infrastructure.
2. 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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