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### **JOINT STATEMENT FROM PSNC, CFSMS AND NHSE**

This statement is being jointly issued by NHS Employers, the NHS Counter Fraud and Security Management Service (CFSMS) and the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC).

All three parties want to see the delivery of appropriate, high quality pharmacy services to patients, while ensuring value for money for the NHS. Work is underway to introduce measures to eliminate opportunities for fraud in pharmacy services that will build on existing local arrangements for post payment verification. Initial work is focussed on the Medicines Use Review (MUR) service.

The use of patient identifiable data in fraud risk measurement exercises is currently not permitted. Work to address this and to introduce counter-fraud measures to supplement local arrangements is currently underway. An exercise that was begun in 2009 has been halted, and no further action should be taken by PCTs in relation to this. Notwithstanding this, any member of staff within a PCT who has reasonable grounds for suspecting fraud against the NHS should discuss their concerns with the local counter fraud specialist.

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1. PSNC (The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee) is the body that represents community pharmacies in England and Wales on NHS matters.

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