



PSNC RESPONSE TO LIBERATING THE NHS

12 July 2010 – PSNC Chief Executive Sue Sharpe said:

“We are confident that the White Paper makes provision for the continued development of high quality community pharmacy services. We especially welcome its recognition of and “important and expanding role” for pharmacy; both in helping patients make better use of medicines and in supporting better health.

“We are pleased that pharmacy will retain a national framework, and that commissioning of pharmacy services will be the responsibility of the new NHS commissioning board. The development of community pharmacy services has for too long been held back by the vagaries of patchy PCT commissioning, and this process of reform represents an opportunity to find a better, more cohesive way of ensuring all communities can benefit from high quality pharmacy services. The decision to give Local Authorities control over the commissioning of public health services is also good news for pharmacy; pharmacies are well-placed to build links with local councils, and are ideally positioned to help them cost effectively improve the health and well-being of the communities they serve.

“There can be no doubt that this White Paper represents a seismic change in the structure and culture of the NHS. We recognise that the process of restructuring our health service will not happen overnight, and look forward to working with the Government to ensure that pharmacy’s full potential is harnessed in realising the White Paper’s vision”.

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Notes to Editor

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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