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PBC GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY PHARMACY CONTRACTORS

PSNC has today published 'Practice Based Commissioning – A practical guide for community pharmacy contractors'. This resource aims to provide contractors with the knowledge to enable them to understand and effectively engage with Practice Based Commissioning (PBC).

The document provides background information on how PBC fits into current policy and explains key issues in the implementation of PBC and the impact of recent PCT re-organisation on commissioning; it outlines opportunities for community pharmacy, explains how to establish the environment for pharmacy engagement and provides practical suggestions for action and advice on the development of robust business cases to PBC commissioners.

The resource has been aligned to the PBC guidance already published by PSNC for LPCs.

Commenting on the launch of the guide, **Barbara Parsons**, *Head of Pharmacy Practice*, said, "Practice Based Commissioning is playing increasingly pivotal role in the development of services for patients. Individual contractors need to understand the mechanisms PCTs and PBC consortia use to commission services. It is the aim of this guide to not only brief contractors on these mechanisms but to provide them with the knowledge and confidence to work with local commissioners."

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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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