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PSNC LOOK FORWARD TO IMPLEMENTING THE PHARMACY WHITE PAPER PROPOSALS TO ACHIEVE DARZI OBJECTIVES

Commenting on the publication of Lord Darzi's NHS Next Stage Review: Final Report, Sue Sharpe, Chief Executive of PSNC, said:

"Lord Darzi's NHS Next Stage Review: Final Publication contains many sensible and positive plans. We are pleased that it re-affirms the Government's intention to make community pharmacy a key provider of vascular and diagnostic health checks, and prevention services.

"Just like the Pharmacy White Paper, the Next Stage Review emphasises the importance of providing quality health care and choice to empower patients to make informed decisions about their health. The Government has acknowledged pharmacy is ideally placed to provide this.

"The Primary and Community Care Strategy due for publication later this week will provide more focus for the role of pharmacy within primary healthcare reiterating the key recommendations of the White Paper.

"PSNC is looking forward to beginning the negotiations to ensure implementation of the White Paper proposals as soon as possible. The publication of the Primary and Community Care Strategy should be a trigger to progress these discussions."

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For further information or an interview with a PSNC spokesperson, please contact the PSNC press office on psnc@luther.co.uk or 0207 618 9187

Notes to Editors

1. PSNC (The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee) is the body that represents community pharmacies in England and Wales on NHS matters.
2. For information on the new services available from community pharmacies please visit www.psn.org.uk/contract.

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