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**PSNC WELCOMES THE NEW NATIONAL CLINICAL
DIRECTORS FOR PHARMACY APPOINTMENTS**

PSNC welcomes the appointment of Jonathan Mason and Martin Stephens as National Clinical Directors for Pharmacy.

Commenting on the appointments, PSNC Chief Executive Sue Sharpe said:

“PSNC is delighted to hear that Jonathan Mason and Martin Stephens have been appointed as National Clinical Directors for Pharmacy.

“The Government’s recent White Paper recognised the potential of pharmacy in NHS healthcare and these appointments will ensure that the proposed initiatives are supported by strong clinical leadership at both local and national levels.

“PSNC already has experience of working with Jonathan and at our March conference we highlighted the significant achievements made by City and Hackney Teaching PCT. Jonathan has worked collaboratively with the LPC to develop a wide range of community pharmacy services which are helping to improve the health of the population in the two Boroughs.

“We look forward to a successful and productive working relationship with both Jonathan and Martin.”

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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. The National Clinical Directors for Pharmacy will be tasked with devising and implementing effective joint strategies and mechanisms to promote better patient experience and pharmaceutical outcomes for people across the different healthcare sectors. They will focus on promoting and stimulating the delivery of service models which best meet the needs of people going into and coming out of hospital. They will also have an important part in shaping future models of care flowing from the primary and community care strategy.
3. Jonathan Mason - currently Head of Prescribing and Pharmacy at City and Hackney Teaching Primary Care Trust - takes on the role that will focus on community pharmacy and primary care.

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4. Martin Stephens, who has broad experience at all levels in hospital pharmacy, and is currently Divisional Clinical Director, Diagnostics and Therapy and Associate Medical Director, Clinical Effectiveness, at Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust, takes the second post that focuses on hospital pharmacy.

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