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| **PSNC has now changed its name to Community Pharmacy England, with a strengthened commitment to championing pharmacies and engaging with the sector.** This newsletter is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector. |

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| In this update: Atorvastatin: availability and pricing issues;NHS 75th Birthday; Introducing Community Pharmacy Local. |

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| ****Atorvastatin: availability and pricing issues****A number of pharmacy owners have got in touch with us about the pricing and availability of Atorvastatin tablets. In discussions with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) this week we have warned about the serious impact this issue is now having on pharmacies.The DHSC Supply Team has been working closely with manufacturers and wholesalers on this issue.Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to [**report the increased prices**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3816ca7baf&e=d19e9fd41c) that you have purchased at. We will continue to use these reports to highlight just how much of an impact this is having on pharmacies who are desperately trying to get hold of limited stock and having to pay inflated prices for it without any certainty of their final reimbursement prices. |

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| NHS 75th BirthdayAs the NHS marks its 75th birthday, we want to use this opportunity to highlight and celebrate all of you that make community pharmacy such an exceptional and vital part of our society.As we celebrate and appreciate our pharmacy colleagues across the sector, we are working hard with everyone within the sector to build a stronger and more positive future for community pharmacy. The [**vision and strategy work**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fc6b7b1fc0&e=d19e9fd41c) by Nuffield Trust and The King’s Fund is part of this, and we look forward to their proposals which they will be consulting the sector about very soon.The NHS birthday may not necessarily feel like a celebration for most pharmacy businesses, but we hope it can be a time for us all to consider how our sector will be in the years ahead and to think about the ways we can overcome the many challenges our sector is facing.[Read our news story](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9991e98a38&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Introducing Community Pharmacy LocalLocal Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) in England have begun a new term of office this month. With a total of 58 LPCs across the country, they will now be known as Community Pharmacy <Local> to present a stronger and more unified identity to local stakeholders. There has been a reduction in the total number of LPCs, with further consolidation expected by April 2024, to better align with the 42 NHS Integrated Care Systems in England.**James Wood, Director of Member and LPC Support at Community Pharmacy England, said:**“The move to Community Pharmacy <Local> is a great opportunity to build awareness, deepen engagement, and embrace consistency across England. We hope that the shared branding will play a valuable role in helping us to promote a ‘joined up’ image to the outside world, and serves as a visual reminder of the interdependencies between the local and national level."[Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2fae2890eb&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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