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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: Price Concessions update and webinar; Group makes recommendations on supervision legislation changes; CPPE launches independent prescriber e-course. |

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| July Price Concessions UpdateFollowing discussions and representations made by Community Pharmacy England to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the final price concessions for July were announced late on Monday. While some prices saw improvements on the original DHSC offers, it was disappointing that certain prices were imposed and decisions came very late in the month.Pharmacy owners have rightly been deeply concerned and frustrated about Atorvastatin, and our team provided DHSC with compelling data on its pricing throughout the month. We have made an exceptional request for a back-dated uplift of the prices for 80mg Atorvastatin and two other concession lines for July, whilst also gathering evidence to support our claims for August concessions.**Suraj Shah, Drug Tariff and Reimbursement Manager at Community Pharmacy England, said:**“Price concessions are far from a perfect solution to medicines pricing issues but if implemented correctly they are a critical measure to protect pharmacy owners from pricing shocks. Our Dispensing and Supply Team work hard every month to assimilate the evidence from pharmacy owners and ask for appropriate concessions. Community Pharmacy England’s clear position is that any dispensing at a loss is unacceptable. But DHSC’s objective is to reimburse pharmacy owners fairly overall while also assuring value for money and avoiding driving further price rises."Community Pharmacy England is now taking further steps, including organising [a concessions webinar](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6a6b7d9f80&e=d19e9fd41c) on 5th September 2023 to discuss this issue directly with community pharmacy owners, and inviting DHSC representatives to join. |

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| [**Continue reading and attend the webinar**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=192c3c6d3c&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Pharmacy Supervision Group makes recommendations for legislative and regulatory changesThe Pharmacy Supervision Practice Group has released a report which proposes changes to legislation, regulation, and professional standards regarding supervision in community pharmacy. Community Pharmacy England, which includes representatives from various pharmacy organisations, will consider the recommendations as part of DHSC’s pending formal consultation and related work by the General Pharmaceutical Council. **Gordon Hockey, Director of Legal at Community Pharmacy England, said:**"Supervision has become an increasingly critical issue in community pharmacy as the sector’s role and workload have increased – particularly since the pandemic. As the clinical skills of community pharmacists are put to greater use, it is important to ensure that pharmacies can make best use of skill mix across the whole team."[Find out more and read the full report](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ce3ba17e27&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| CPPE launches "Preparing to train as an independent prescriber e-course"The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) is launching a "Preparing to train as an independent prescriber" e-course in September.This comprehensive course aims to enhance the confidence and skills of pharmacists who are considering becoming independent prescribers. It consists of a self-directed e-course and self-assessment framework, a mandatory online workshop for reviewing competencies, an optional workshop for academic writing and reflective practice, and an optional peer support session.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=362aec9728&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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