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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: Changes to C-19 vaccination programme; Claiming trainee pharmacist grant; Factsheet on checking your SSP totals; Fraud prescription reward scheme update; IT system required for Hypertension case-finding service. |

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| C-19 vaccination programme brought forwardThe UK government has made the decision to bring forward the start of the COVID-19 autumn/winter booster programme in response to the emergence of the BA.2.86 variant of the virus. The programme will now commence on **11th September 2023**, aiming to vaccinate as many eligible individuals as possible by the end of October. Furthermore, additional payments will be given for vaccinations administered in September and October.The vaccination programme will start with care home residents and housebound individuals, followed by eligible individuals through local booking systems. The National Booking System will be available from 18th September. Due to these changes, the Expression of Interest process for pharmacies has been extended until 5pm on Monday 4th September. |

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| [**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d3132d261c&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| ****Claiming the Foundation trainee pharmacist grant****NHS England and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) are introducing a new electronic registration process for the Foundation trainee pharmacist grant. **Starting September 14th,** pharmacy owners can register trainee pharmacists through the NHSBSA's MYS portal. Payments will be made monthly, covering the period between the grant application and the start of training.Claims made between September 14th and September 21st for trainees who started in July 2023 will receive early payment in October. Other claims will follow the normal payment schedule.[Learn more about the new process](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7aa8254c5e&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| ****Check your pharmacy's SSP totals with our new factsheet****We have set out seven steps to help reconcile claims for Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs). The NHSBSA continues to receive a number of EPS SSP claims which do not meet the requirements for a valid SSP claim, and our new factsheet aims to support pharmacy teams in spot checking that the total number of SSP claims paid matches the number declared as part of their end of month submission. [Read our new factsheet](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=99709ebd7a&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| New details for fraudulent prescription reward schemeThe contact details for making a claim under the fraudulent prescription reward scheme have been updated in the September 2023 Drug Tariff. This update comes in response to concerns raised by pharmacy owners and brought to the attention of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) by Community Pharmacy England. Pharmacists who qualify for a reward under this scheme are advised to contact the NHS Counter Fraud Authority with the updated contact information provided.[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=53c1c940aa&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| ****IT system required for Hypertension case-finding service****From **1st September**, NHS England will require pharmacy owners to use an approved clinical IT system for clinical records and payment claims for the Hypertension case-finding service. Pharmacy owners providing the service are reminded that they need to choose and begin using an assured system ASAP. Claims for August 2023 should be made manually by September 5th, as only approved IT systems will be accepted thereafter.[Learn more about the approved IT systems](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=77729a9a07&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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