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It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector. | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In this update: Pharmacy owners feed into our Committee Meeting; Our 2022/23 Annual Report; Valproate products reclassified; SSP updates. | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Committee strategy discussions informed by pharmacy owners at September Meeting The Community Pharmacy England Committee met earlier this month to discuss several pressing matters. Among the topics discussed were responses to the Primary Care Access Recovery Plan negotiations, and preparations for the next Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) negotiations. The packed two-day agenda also included action planning for the short, medium and longer-term.  The Committee had sought input from pharmacy owners ahead of the meeting and used the poll results to shape our asks for the 2024/25 CPCF negotiations. In addition, a timeline was set out for the development of a strategy for Community Pharmacy England, and Committee Members examined the implications of the Vision for Community Pharmacy report by the Nuffield Trust and The King’s Fund. Further topics included an internal governance review and the outline of NHS England’s proposal for a previously agreed independent economic review of the sector.  Pharmacy owners can learn more about our September Committee Meeting via our meeting summary, opinion poll briefing, and a video recording of the Pharmacy Owner Engagement Event held a few days later. | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more, including the full meeting summary**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f55135238e&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Our 2022/23 Annual Report**  We have today published our annual report for 2022/23, reflecting on our work in the past year on behalf of all pharmacy owners.   This has been an incredibly challenging year for community pharmacy, and we continue to fight hard to improve the outlook on both funding and operational pressures.    The report looks at the progress made over the past year: the milestones and accomplishments, as well as the resilience of community pharmacy teams as they continue to provide vital care in the face of severe financial constraints and the ever-changing economic landscape.   We hope our commitment to championing community pharmacy and our determination to fight for a better outlook for all pharmacies is evident throughout the report. It reflects our continued efforts to champion and advocate for the sector, urging the Government and NHS for additional funding, as well as the critical work being done on medicines supply and reimbursement, regulatory affairs and support for local pharmaceutical committees.   For the next year and beyond, we remain focused on securing more financial and wider support, engaging with stakeholders, and addressing concerns of pharmacy owners.  You can access the report in various formats, including PDF, an interactive digital version, and short summary animations. | | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Access the report: PDF, interactive and animations**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d59cec0ba7&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | All valproate containing products reclassified as special containers form October 2023 The Human Medicines Regulations 2023 will enforce full pack dispensing of all medicines containing valproate from 11th October, following recommendations from the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review. As of 1 October 2023, all such medicines will be classified as special containers, allowing reimbursement for full packs.   We welcome this development as we have been advocating for this change since 2020. To support pharmacy teams, we have updated our briefing document on original pack dispensing and provided a set of FAQs on dispensing these medicines and addressing stability and use in monitored dosage systems.  [Learn more and read our briefing](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=801093b5f2&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) updates The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced the follow SSP updates:  [The expiry of SSP056 Utrogestan® 100mg capsules](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5660830392&e=d19e9fd41c) **as of 23.59pm today;** and [two SSPs for Clarithromycin oral suspensions have been further extended](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cf72bb14fd&e=d19e9fd41c)to **Friday 17 November 2023.** | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d2b1eebd3a&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c1f5c7dbc9&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=766e9463eb&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1f41b77daf&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy England** Address: 14 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [comms.team@cpe.org.uk](mailto:comms.team@cpe.org.uk)  Copyright © 2023 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.  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