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| The voice of community pharmacy (banner) |

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| **This newsletter - sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - contains important information and resources to support community pharmacies across England.** |

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| In this update: Winter pressures and beyond – We’re seeking Pharmacy Owners’ views; Price adjustments for Omeprazole oral suspension; Community pharmacy clinical skills training; Expiry of Jext® SSP. |

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| We are seeking the views of community pharmacy owners on the coming winter period and beyond, ahead of our next full Committee meeting scheduled to take place in November.  This committee meeting comes at a critical time as the unsustainable pressures on community pharmacies continue through the autumn period, and our Committee of pharmacy owners remain focused on improving the outlook for the sector.  Our Committee will reconvene to review progress on negotiations and other important topics, looking particularly at potential developments for the 2024/25 CPCF and the future strategy for Community Pharmacy England. This work is being shaped by the recently published Vision for Community Pharmacy.Pharmacy owners can directly input into the Committee’s discussions via a [short poll](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9f478271a1&e=d19e9fd41c) (for independents and non-CCA multiples only).  Please note that CCA multiples will receive a separate survey directly at their head offices, requiring no action at the branch level.The polling results and the meeting outcomes will be shared with the sector afterwards. Your answers will also be used to feed into our ongoing work to press for an uplift to core funding by enhancing our evidence base of what pharmacy owners are experiencing.Pharmacy owners are encouraged to complete the survey **on or before Monday, 6th November 2023.** |

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| Price redetermination for Omeprazole oral suspension (September and October 2023)The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has made changes to the September and October 2023 Drug Tariffs based on requests from Community Pharmacy England.This includes adding a licensed Omeprazole 1mg/1ml oral suspension sugar free (75ml) to Category C and removing an unlicensed Omeprazole 5mg/5ml oral suspension from Part VIIIB. These changes will affect payment for prescriptions during these months, reflecting the updated determination rather than the published Drug Tariff.The adjustments were made to address concerns from pharmacy owners about reimbursement risks when dispensing the licensed product for generic prescriptions.[Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ee9f846dfd&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Clinical examination skills training for community pharmacistsPharmacy owners in England are encouraged to take advantage of the fully funded NHS England Community Pharmacy Clinical Examination Skills training programme. This programme, delivered by CliniSkillsTM, offers e-learning and in-person training to enhance pharmacists' knowledge and skills in dealing with various symptoms and supporting pharmacy services.The e-learning modules cover history taking and clinical topics such as Cardiology, ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat), Paediatrics, Wound Care, and Skin Conditions. [Find out more and how to register](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a342c06de3&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Expiry of SSP058 Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) solution for injection auto-injector penDHSC has confirmed sufficient stock of Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) solution for injection auto-injector pen, ending the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP058) **today, 27th October 2023 at 11:59 PM**. Prescriptions for these auto-injector pens must be filled as prescribed after this date.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a9fe4c5842&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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