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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: Pharmacy First prep resources; New Pharmacy Minister briefed; Contraception Service updates; Pharmacy supervision consultation; SSP updates. |

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| In preparation for the launch of the Pharmacy First service on 31st January  2024, we have developed an initial set of resources to assist pharmacy owners and their teams. These resources include checklists for [pharmacy owners](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a3b405443e&e=d19e9fd41c) and [pharmacists](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a7f18e7727&e=d19e9fd41c) (including locums) outlining actions they can take to prepare for the service, plus a two-page [summary briefing](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b232f62a27&e=d19e9fd41c) providing pharmacy teams with essential information about the service.  We will continue to update our [Pharmacy First webpage](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9a6e856f41&e=d19e9fd41c) with FAQs and additional resources leading up to the service launch. |

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| [**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8b18ea4e61&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Community Pharmacy England briefs new Pharmacy MinisterCommunity Pharmacy England Chief Executive Janet Morrison met with the new Pharmacy Minister, Dame Andrea Leadsom MP, this week.Janet raised a range of critical topics with the Minister, including Pharmacy First, funding and other pressures on community pharmacies, the future of pharmacy services, and IT/digital interfaces. This follows on from this week's [winter pressures event](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=656664c21a&e=d19e9fd41c), where we asked attending MPs to add their name to a letter to Dame Andrea calling for more support for the sector.[Continue reading](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5ae048a81e&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Pharmacy Contraception Service updates**Pharmacy contraception service finder**The NHS website has a new service finder that allows both the public and healthcare professionals to search for pharmacies offering the contraceptive pill without a prescription. Pharmacy owners are advised to include this service in their [NHS Profile Manager](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e53aad3d1e&e=d19e9fd41c) to ensure its visibility.[Access the service finder](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a9d3343ed3&e=d19e9fd41c)**Watch our Pharmacy Contraception Service webinar**Over 600 people tuned in to watch our ‘Pharmacy Contraception Service: Initiating Contraception’ webinar. The event focused on helping pharmacy teams who are already providing the Contraception Service to expand their offering by including the initiation of contraception.[Watch the on-demand recording](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7ba017ea35&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Consultation on pharmacy supervision opens The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is consulting on proposals to update legislation around the supervision of activities by a pharmacist. The proposals would allow pharmacists to authorise pharmacy technicians to carry out the dispensing and supply of medicines and any pharmacy team member to distribute checked and bagged prescriptions in the absence of a pharmacist.This follows a sector report supporting reframing legislation, regulation and professional standards and guidance around supervision in community pharmacy. Community Pharmacy England will submit a full response in due course, in discussion with LPCs. The consultation period runs until 11.59pm on 29th February 2024.[Read more, including a statement from our Director of Legal](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=20b3b56228&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) updatesDHSC has announced the following SSP updates:* [The expiry  of SSP057 Estradot® 100mcg patches](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d2534d6670&e=d19e9fd41c) as of **23.59 pm today**
* SSP053 for Clarithromycin 125mg/5ml oral suspension has been [further extended](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0eeb38e95b&e=d19e9fd41c) [to](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=305cbe10b3&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Friday 15th December 2023**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=897e28183e&e=d19e9fd41c)
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