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| The voice of community pharmacy (banner) |

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| **This newsletter contains important information and resources to support community pharmacies across England.** |

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| In this update: Final call to complete the Pressures Survey; We write to Select Committee Chair; Flu vaccination fee; End of ABPM incentive; Pharmacy technicians to supply and administer medicines; Drug Tariff Watch. |

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| Final call to help us measure the pressures across the sectorThe situation for community pharmacy is at crisis point but, in a video update for pharmacy owners, our CEO Janet Morrison explains how you can help to support our work pressing for sustainable funding.Janet asks everyone who owns or works in a community pharmacy to help Community Pharmacy England measure the pressures across the sector by completing the 2024 Pharmacy Pressures Survey before it **closes at 23.59 on Tuesday 2nd April**.By letting us know how you are coping with a myriad of challenges, Janet explains how your responses will drive the Committee's negotiating work and serve as crucial evidence to help us advocate for change. The more responses we receive, the more powerful the evidence gathered from the survey will be. |

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| [**Read more : Final call to share pressures views**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7078fc2967&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| [**Read more : Measuring the pressures across the sector: An update from our CEO**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5b27fd971d&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Community Pharmacy England writes to Select Committee ChairCommunity Pharmacy England's Chief Executive, Janet Morrison, has contacted the chair of the Health and Social Care Committee, Steve Brine MP, following the committee's recent pharmacy inquiry session.During the session, Community Pharmacy England was very concerned to hear statements during the session suggesting that the community pharmacy network is thriving: our analysis and the direct testimony of pharmacy owners themselves show the opposite.Writing to the Chair this week, Janet said: "Our analysis of the accounts of pharmacy companies, which we have shared with DHSC… tells a story of declining performance, loss-making and negative net assets." We have also referenced NHS England Board Meeting discussions from October 2022, which noted the fragile state of the sector.[Continue reading](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1e4e2f784f&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Fee for 2024/25 Flu Vaccination ServiceNHS England has announced that the 2024/25 NHS Flu Vaccination service fee will remain unchanged at £9.58, with the cost of the vaccine (and an allowance for VAT on the cost of the medicine) also being paid.Community Pharmacy England put forward strong arguments for an increase in funding for the service to reflect the inflationary cost pressures pharmacy owners have suffered in recent years and to recognise the predictable increases in costs which will apply in the year ahead, in particular the increase in the national minimum wage. NHS England rejected our arguments for a funding increase.[Read more about the full service specification](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=142679c780&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Hypertension Case-Finding Service: Important reminder on end of ABPM incentiveCommunity pharmacy owners are reminded that the incentive fee payable for reaching the year-5 specified ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) threshold for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service ends on **31st March 2024**.Pharmacy owners who have been working to meet the threshold of 20 ABPM checks for 2023/24 to be eligible for the incentive fee, must ensure that any ABPM check provisions are claimed within one month of, and no later than three months from the claim period for the chargeable activity provided to ensure they are paid the appropriate incentive fee.[Learn more about the incentive](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0a46be413c&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Pharmacy technicians to be given greater powers to supply and administer medicinesThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced plans to update legislation, allowing pharmacy technicians to supply and administer medicines under a patient group direction. The changes will enable pharmacy teams to better support patients and make great use of the pharmacy team's skill mix.[Read more, including a statement from our Director, Legal](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4913cfd4c8&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Drug Tariff Watch – April 2024The Drug Tariff Preface published monthly lists additions, deletions and other changes to products listed in the Drug Tariff.[View the summary of the changes coming into effect from 1st April 2024](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4df94b69ef&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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