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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: April price concessions; Patient Safety Professional Standards; Prescription charge posters; Medicine supply notices. |

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| April price concessionsCommunity Pharmacy England submitted a large number of price concession applications at the start of April in the usual way, but is yet to hear back from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) on the final outcome of our requests.The extended period of time is likely due to the decision by DHSC, under the direction of Ministers, to make changes to concessions pricing from April to try to manage purchase margins. Community Pharmacy England opposed these changes in the strongest terms, outlining how any recovery or downward pressure on margin is unacceptable given the financial fragility of community pharmacies. We also raised concerns about potential delays to concessions announcements by adding another layer of complexity to the process.We will share the Department's final concessionary prices as soon as they determine them. |

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| CPE supports creation of patient safety standards |

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| Community Pharmacy England and others have contributed to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's (RPS) revised professional standards for responding to patient safety incidents.The [Patient Safety Professional Standards: Responding to Patient Safety Incidents](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=27b6beeffe&e=d19e9fd41c) has been developed by the RPS, Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK and Pharmacy Forum NI, with the support of a steering group which included Community Pharmacy England.The work on the standards was prompted by a review and was updated to incorporate key regulation changes and guidance from NHS England and the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC).[Learn more and read the standards](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=af07ce661a&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| New prescription charge posters available |

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| We have produced posters to support community pharmacies in displaying the new NHS prescription charge, following the Government announcing an increase effective from 1st May.[Download the posters and view related resources](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=94eb0b5363&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Medicine Supply NotificationsDHSC has issued medicine supply notifications for the following items (click the hyperlinks below for more information):* [Carbamazepine 100mg and 200mg tablets](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=efd196ed3b&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [Cefalexin 125mg/5ml and 250mg/5ml oral suspension](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=95d92f93e1&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [Naloxegol (Moventig®) 12.5mg and 25mg tablets](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d6c83ec947&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [Phenobarbital 15mg tablets (Accord)](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=65da7e1125&e=d19e9fd41c)

These notices have all been designated as 'Tier 2 – medium impact' with further information sent directly to all pharmacy NHS email addresses. |

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