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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: Recent national press work on Medicines Supply; Products added to DND list; NHS Prescription Charge to increase from Wednesday; Tick bite resources. |

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| National media outlets are widely reporting on medicine supply issues, and we continue to emphasise the ongoing impact on community pharmacies and how this is exacerbating wider financial pressures on the sector, as well as the urgent need to review the supply chain.Today's front page of [The Guardian](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b4c1536762&e=d19e9fd41c) and an article from the [Daily Mail](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b3689ccd80&e=d19e9fd41c) have drawn attention to the growing concern of insulin shortages and their impact on diabetes patients in the UK. We have been quoted in both articles after issuing a press statement highlighting the significant impact of medicine shortages on patients and community pharmacies.Mike Dent, our Director of Pharmacy Funding, has expressed deep concern over the ongoing shortages of medicines, particularly anti-epileptic drugs, insulins, and specific diabetes treatments. These shortages not only disrupt the timely dispensing of medications but also place immense operational and financial strain on community pharmacies. |

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| [**Read the full statement**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=46a74481dc&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Ten products added to DND list from May 2024We have successfully applied for 10 new products to be added to the list of 'Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted' (DND). Coming into effect from 1st May 2024, this takes the total number of products granted DND status following our checks to 630 in the past three years. Our Dispensing and Supply Team will continue this important work to ensure fair reimbursement for pharmacy owners.[See the new additions to the DND list](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6b8620c420&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| We would like to remind pharmacy owners and their teams that from **Wednesday, 1st May 2024,** the NHS prescription charge will become **£9.90 per prescription item**(note: some items may incur more than one charge). The cost of prescription prepayment certificates (PPCs) will also increase. Following the Government announcement, we designed two posters to help community pharmacies to communicate this information to their patients. [Read more and download our Prescription Charge Card](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4a98689d2e&e=d19e9fd41c)[and PPC Poster](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4e79f67c24&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Pharmacy First: Recognition of tick bites and the symptoms of Lyme diseaseAs we enter the Spring season, pharmacy teams may see patients presenting with tick bites and potential symptoms of Lyme disease. Although tick bites and Lyme disease are not treatable under the Pharmacy First clinical pathway, it is important for pharmacy teams to be able to recognise the signs and symptoms and appropriately signpost patients for further care.Lyme Disease UK's 'Wake Up to Lyme' campaign in May aims to raise awareness of tick bite prevention and offers resources such as diagnosis help, awareness packs, and an animation. The Royal College of General Practitioners also provides an e-learning toolkit for healthcare professionals.[Learn more and access available resources](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=215607eb19&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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