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In response, our Chief Executive, Janet Morrison, has expressed concerns about the impact of these increases on vulnerable patients and the additional burden placed on pharmacy teams. As a support measure, we have produced posters to assist community pharmacies in displaying the new prescription charge. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more, including our CEO's full statement**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b22bb6a49e&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Expand and raise awareness of Pharmacy First, says Healthwatch England A new report from Healthwatch England highlights the public's positive reception of the Pharmacy First service but emphasises the need for increased awareness and further development of pharmacy services.  The report calls on the Government to issue targeted communications to raise awareness of Pharmacy First, improve availability of prescription prepayment certificates, and address medicine supply shortages. Healthwatch also recommends expanding Pharmacy First and ensuring interoperability of IT systems across primary care.  The report, informed by Community Pharmacy England, also identifies the multiple funding, capacity, and integration challenges facing community pharmacy teams, and urges more support and investment in the sector.  [Read the key findings, including our CEO's statement](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=60a399fc37&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | There are just few days left for pharmacy owners to register in our Pharmacy Briefing Event on **7th May, Tuesday at 7:00 pm**. Join us to hear about Community Pharmacy England’s work in critical areas, and to ask questions of our Committee and CEO. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Book now**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d5d63e376e&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | DHSC’s April 2024 Price Concessions – Final Update The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has released the final list of price concessions for April 2024. These concessions were made by DHSC, under the direction of Ministers, to **impose** changes to concessions pricing from April to try to manage purchase margins.  Community Pharmacy England has strongly opposed these changes, warning the Government and the NHS about the serious consequences for the pharmacy sector, patients, and the primary care system as a whole.  [View the final update](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8ab286b1f2&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Dispensing and Supply Updates **Products requiring reconstitution – pack size changes** Following Community Pharmacy England’s identification of discrepancies in the pack size listings of some items that require reconstitution, several products have had their pack sizes updated in the NHS dictionary of medicines and devices (dm+d) and the Drug Tariff. [See the](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f2aa6637c6&e=d19e9fd41c)[list of products](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ac563c7915&e=d19e9fd41c)  **MHRA Drug Safety Update: April 2024** The latest Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Drug Safety Update includes articles on psychiatric and sexual side effects of Finasteride and the risk of neuropsychiatric reactions with Montelukast. [Read the MHRA update](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=06a975824b&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cd9eb4220f&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e93f5589fb&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=02c31bf657&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=23c5756013&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=78a6bf6657&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | | | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy England** Address: 14 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [comms.team@cpe.org.uk](mailto:comms.team@cpe.org.uk)  Copyright © 2024 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.  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