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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: One week left to have your say on Pharmacy First thresholds; Pharmacy First myth busting; NHSmail MFA rollout; Fingolimod Hard Capsules recall.** |

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| We are keen to hear how pharmacy owners are feeling about the increases in the Pharmacy First monthly payment threshold, and the effects of the GP collective action on your pharmacy. Both will form part of important discussions at the next full Community Pharmacy England Committee meeting in September. Following representations by Community Pharmacy England, [Ministers agreed to make an adjustment to the Pharmacy First threshold for August](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f755f97b5a&e=d19e9fd41c), but we are continuing to consider the implications for the planned ramp up in thresholds for September and October. Your responses to the survey will inform our ongoing work with Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England.The survey is available to complete online for independents and non-CCA multiples via the link below. CCA multiples will receive a separate survey at their head offices, so there is no need for any action at the branch level. |

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| [**Read more and complete the survey**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=799c45e00c&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| The Community Pharmacy England Services Team has released the third article in a series addressing misconceptions around the Pharmacy First service. The latest article clarifies proper handling of electronically referred patients with serious symptoms, eligibility for uncomplicated urinary tract infection consultations, and the importance of timely record-keeping. [**Read the third myth busting article**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=352e842647&e=d19e9fd41c)In case you missed the previous articles in this series, you can read them via the links below:* [**Pharmacy First myth busting series #1**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=581843bf09&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Pharmacy First myth busting series #2**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bb1362d610&e=d19e9fd41c)
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| **Reminder: NHSmail MFA roll out for all users**Multi-factor authentication (MFA) will soon be mandatory for all NHSmail users, with implementation starting from mid-August 2024. The NHSmail team has outlined the following phases for the MFA rollout: 1. Existing users will be prompted to enable MFA, with a 14-day grace period.
2. By 2nd September, accounts without MFA will face stricter security requirements.
3. New users setting up personal accounts will be required to enable MFA during sign-up

[**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6ef74ca4ea&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Class 3 Medicines Recall**Some batches of Fingolimod 0.5 mg Hard Capsules (Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Europe Ltd) are being recalled due to variability in the capsule contents.[**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=76869cf2b2&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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