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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: Community Pharmacy England engaging with national health conversation; Mandatory workforce survey opens; Share your views on winter pressures; Phenobarbital Bristol Labs tablets recall.** |

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| The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has launched a national conversation on the future of the NHS, inviting input from patients, the public, and NHS workers via the [change.nhs.uk](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2b6791410f&e=d19e9fd41c) portal. Healthcare policy organisations are also being invited to make formal submissions.Community Pharmacy England has participated in stakeholder briefings and had an initial meeting with the NHS 10-year plan team. We anticipate that we will be asked to submit evidence to a number of working groups, whether formally or informally.The Committee will consider its initial formal submission to the NHS plan at its November meeting, and we will also soon issue advice to LPCs and pharmacy owners on how the sector can best engage with the public conversation on the NHS plan.Community Pharmacy England’s work to influence fiscal policy, including via our economic projects, Parliamentary work and work to influence the new Government’s Health Mission will also continue.**Community Pharmacy England Chief Executive Janet Morrison said:**A person smiling for a picture  Description automatically generated |

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| [**Read more, including our CEO's full statement**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=775bb2fee8&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **2024 mandatory workforce survey is now open**The 2024 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey, a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners, is now open until midnight on **11th December 2024**. The survey focuses on staffing numbers, including the number of full-time equivalents (FTE) and any vacancies in each of ten staff categories.A new question to capture the number of trained but unregistered pharmacy technicians has been added, while a previous question on the ease of filling vacancies has been removed. Pharmacy businesses can complete the survey online or, if appropriate, submit data via their head office.[**Learn more about the survey and how to complete it**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3ca8e95ec6&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Pharmacy owners have until **Monday 4th November at 11:59pm** to share their concerns for this winter in our quick poll.This is your chance to feed directly into our November Committee Meeting, helping inform Community Pharmacy England’s discussions and negotiations with policymakers. Your answers will also be used to raise awareness of the immense pressures on pharmacies with politicians and in the media. |

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| [**Complete the survey (Independents and non-CCA multiples only)**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d8ec224320&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Please note that CCA multiples are being surveyed via their head offices. |

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| **Class 2 Medicines Recall: Phenobarbital Bristol Labs 15mg Tablets (Bristol Laboratories Ltd)**One batch of Phenobarbital Bristol Labs 15mg Tablets is being recalled as a precautionary measure due to potential contamination from small metallic particles. [**Learn more, including important advice for healthcare professionals**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=11a9a40b4d&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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