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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 complete the Winter Pressures poll; Flu vac promotional resources; Pharmacy First myth busting; Parasolve (Paracetamol) MHRA defect notice.** |

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| Pharmacy owners have until **Monday 4th November at 11:59pm** to share views and concerns about your pharmacy business going into this winter.This is your chance to directly feed into the Community Pharmacy England Committee’s discussions, as well as helping us to raise awareness of the immense pressures on pharmacies, along with case studies (e.g. the recent [piece featured on BBC’s The One Show](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f6570a2afe&e=d19e9fd41c)).We hope that as many of you as possible will share your thoughts with us ahead of our upcoming meeting. |

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| [**Learn more about the survey and see the results from previous opinion polls**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f2c5286baf&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| [**Complete the survey (Independents and non-CCA multiples only)**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1d55712ec2&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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

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| Community Pharmacy England has released a comprehensive set of resources to help pharmacies promote this year’s Flu Vaccination Service to patients and the wider public.Pharmacy teams across the country are delivering flu vaccinations in a more condensed timeframe this year, following clinical guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation. This adjusted schedule aims to optimise patient protection during the flu season.As in previous years, Community Pharmacy England has once again prepared a number of promotional materials including posters, social media graphics, flyers for prescription bags, and more. [**Read more and access the resources**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b50df56683&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Pharmacy First myth busting**To help tackle some of the misconceptions around Pharmacy First, we have sought to address a series of myths about the service. |

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| **MYTH: Patients who are electronically referred but do not meet the gateway criteria for the clinical pathway strand of the service should be rejected.** |

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| **FACT CHECK:**If a patient is electronically referred for a clinical pathway condition but does not meet the eligibility criteria, they can instead be seen under the minor illness strand of the service.For example, if a patient is electronically referred for earache but is an adult, they would not be eligible for the acute otitis media clinical pathway, but the pharmacist could provide the minor illness strand of the service for this patient.[**Read more myths to help increase your understanding of the service**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a9168643cf&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Class 4 Medicines Defect Information: Parasolve (Paracetamol) 500mg effervescent tablets (Kent Pharma UK)**The Medicines and Health products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a defect notification for Parasolve (Paracetamol) 500mg effervescent tablets (Kent Pharma UK) due to a product description error in the Patient Information Leaflet.[**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=80478d9c2a&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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