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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: Get ready for OPD with our upcoming webinar; Mandatory workforce survey underway; SPS releases Pharmacy First clinical podcasts; MHRA Drug Safety Update.** |

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| Community Pharmacy England is hosting a webinar on Original Pack Dispensing (OPD) on **Monday 25th November, at 7:30pm**. This session will outline recent regulatory changes allowing pharmacies the flexibility to dispense up to +/- 10% of prescribed quantities in original packs starting in January 2025.Our in-house experts will talk viewers through what these regulatory changes mean in practice and how you may need to amend your dispensing processes, as well as providing an update on reimbursement and IT arrangements.Participants are welcome to submit questions to our Regulations Team in advance to help shape the event. |

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| [**Learn more and book your place**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=857d4dfbd7&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Pharmacy owners are reminded of the **mandatory requirement** to complete the 2024 workforce survey **by midnight on Wednesday 11th December**.The NHS Business Services Authority emailed pharmacy owners a link to the survey in October. Note, in some cases, for example, if you work for a multiple pharmacy group, the survey may be completed centrally.[**Find out more about how to complete the survey**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f8200983bf&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **SPS launches Pharmacy First podcast series**Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) has launched a podcast series to discuss some of the issues surrounding the Pharmacy First service and to debunk certain clinical myths around the Clinical pathway strand of the service.[**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=863074910c&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **MHRA Drug Safety Update: November 2024**A new Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Drug Safety Update has been published. This issue includes information on MedSafetyWeek (which promotes Yellow Card reporting to support patient safety), plus a recap of recent letters and medicine recalls sent to healthcare professionals.[**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ce61e9a108&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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