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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: MPs warn Budget will harm community pharmacies; NHSE wellbeing support; Detained Estate prescribers to begin using EPS; Dispensing and Supply Updates.** |

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| MPs have raised concerns in Parliament about the 2024 Budget’s impact on pharmacies, with Joe Robertson MP, Conservative member of the Health and Social Care Committee, citing the £50 million cost to the sector revealed by our analysis. The Shadow Chancellor and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats also warned of the added strain it would put on pharmacists.Community Pharmacy England has been clear that the Budget will take hundreds of millions of pounds out of the sector, and have been telling as many MPs as possible about our concerns.We have produced an [MP briefing](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=384bd2a902&e=d19e9fd41c) outlining the impact of the Budget for pharmacies, and encourage pharmacy owners to use our [updated guidance](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2cdf7e6ec4&e=d19e9fd41c) to support our work in raising these concerns with MPs. |

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| [**Read more, including our CEO's statement**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ec9cc15910&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **Winter wellbeing support**NHS England has reminded primary care staff, including community pharmacy teams, of the [resources it has available](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c5c5f03841&e=d19e9fd41c) to support their health and wellbeing needs this winter. The Primary Care Bulletin highlighted a confidential 24/7 text support service for anyone who needs someone to talk to. The service can be accessed by texting **SHOUT** **to 85258**. Further support, such as [mental health resources](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d3aef5cc21&e=d19e9fd41c), [wellbeing apps](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ca00c9b498&e=d19e9fd41c), and [a money advice service](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7356f17e2c&e=d19e9fd41c), is also available from the NHS England website. [Access the wellbeing resources](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5d8b402559&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **EPS rolls out for Detained Estate prescribers**NHS England has announced that prescribers working in prisons will shortly be able to send prescriptions to community pharmacies electronically, replacing paper FP10 forms. The rollout of EPS to Detained Estates will be phased, beginning with pilot sites at HMP Leeds and HMP Foston Hall. While expected to be relatively uncommon, pharmacy owners nationwide should make sure their teams understand how to handle such prescriptions.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fe9fb14a28&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Dispensing and Supply Updates****Call for review of medicines supply chain and reimbursement**A new report has echoed Community Pharmacy England’s call for the Government to commission an independent review of the medicines supply chain. The report, which we fed into, recommends that a review should suggest and assess ways of improving community pharmacy reimbursement mechanisms to prevent dispensing at a loss and further pharmacy closures, which are contributing to inequitable medicines access. [Read the report](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3cc217e1a5&e=d19e9fd41c)**DHSC permits use of antiviral medicines against influenza**Pharmacies may now supply antiviral medicines (oseltamivir and zanamivir) for the prophylaxis and treatment of influenza at NHS expense. [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e58af53874&e=d19e9fd41c)**Rolled over price concessions for December 2024**A number of November price concessions have been confirmed as eligible to roll over to December. [See concessions](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4bc691f67a&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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