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The debate focused on Devon and the South West region, but MPs highlighted that the crisis is affecting  pharmacies across the country.  Ahead of the debate, Community Pharmacy England provided personalised, constituency-specific briefings to all 63 MPs. With input from LPCs, we ensured that all MPs had their local statistics and were fully briefed on the national and regional challenges facing pharmacies.  The debate was secured by Liberal Democrat MP Rachel Gilmore, who highlighted that fewer pharmacies are open now than at any time since 2008/09, despite workloads being 40% higher in terms of annual prescriptions. She emphasised pharmacies’ vital role in easing NHS pressures, using data from Community Pharmacy England’s most recent Advice Audit suggesting that they have saved ‘up to 37.7 million GP appointments over the course of a year’.  Labour MP Sadik Al-Hassan also called for increased funding, urging the Government to ’stabilise the sector today with a fair funding settlement.’  Pharmacy Minister Stephen Kinnock MP acknowledged the sector’s value and expressed his desire for pharmacies to play a ‘greater role’ in delivering 'new and impactful clinical services'. He also announced that negotiations on the contractual framework for 2023/24 will begin ‘early in the new year.’  **In response, Janet Morrison OBE, Chief Executive of Community Pharmacy England, said:**  [A person with a message  Description automatically generated with medium confidence](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e809e6f368&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more, including Janet's full statement and the full debate transcript**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fae7023d18&e=d19e9fd41c) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A calendar and megaphone with text  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Due to the Christmas and New Year Bank  Holidays, there will be some changes to our newsletter schedule. To help pharmacy owners and their teams stay up to date during this period, we are planning to send email newsletters out on the following days:   * Monday 23rd December * Monday 30th December * Friday 3rd January   After this, the regular newsletter schedule will resume, with emails sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If there is a need to share additional or urgent news over this period, then we may send out extra emails in addition to the above.  We appreciate your continued support for our newsletters. As we enter 2025, we aim to keep you informed about important pharmacy news and remain committed to providing you with valuable information and guidance. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Can you help with user research about pharmacy IT?**  Pharmacy owners and teams are reminded that NHS England is conducting virtual user research interviews (25–40 minutes) on key pharmacy IT topics, including the EPS tracker interface. Share your feedback on the latest prototype and suggest improvements to its design and clinical information.  To participate or learn more, email [it@cpe.org.uk](mailto:it@cpe.org.uk) and specify which research project(s) you would like to contribute to. EPS Tracker change interviews will be on 9th and 20th to 31st January.  [Learn more and view other key areas](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5252fcaccf&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3be424d39a&e=d19e9fd41c) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4ed3100441&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f02f785d87&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a307859b52&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=62b84184b7&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy England** Address: 14 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [comms.team@cpe.org.uk](mailto:comms.team@cpe.org.uk)  *Copyright © 2024 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.*  You are receiving this email because you are subscribed to our newsletters. 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