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| **Newsletter****3rd January 2025** |

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| The voice of community pharmacy (banner) |

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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: Our recent influencing work; Pharmacy First thresholds; Useful reminders.** |

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| Community Pharmacy England is continuously working to champion community pharmacies across the country, representing pharmacy owners on important issues and seeking to influence positive change for the benefit of the whole sector.In the last few weeks of 2024 we used our latest pharmacy owner polling data to [secure national media coverage](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8139353a70&e=d19e9fd41c), highlighting alarming concerns about pharmacy closures this winter. We also informed a [Parliamentary debate calling for Government investment in community pharmacies](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bd60db681f&e=d19e9fd41c), providing personalised, constituency-specific briefings to all 63 cross-party MPs who took part.You can learn more about our work to engage with important stakeholders in [our mid-year review](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7bd0637877&e=d19e9fd41c).As we move into 2025, we remain fully focussed on securing immediate investment and easing pressures on community pharmacies. |

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| **Changes to the Pharmacy First monthly threshold**Community Pharmacy England’s continued representations to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England led to three amendments to Pharmacy First thresholds, addressing concerns raised by pharmacy owners to limit the increase in the minimum monthly threshold. The most recent amendment reduced the thresholds across the rest of 2024/25.Additionally, from this month, new Pharmacy First caps are being introduced, based on the monthly average of Pharmacy First (clinical pathways) delivered during August 2024 to October 2024[**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d896ef1709&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Extended submission deadline for December prescriptions**Due to the New Year Bank Holiday, pharmacy owners have an extra day, **until 6th January 2024** to submit their December FP34Cs, but all claims for EPS prescriptions must still be submitted no later than 5th January. [**Read more about December submissions**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=186f88d184&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **SPS 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=de256e79ba&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Windsor Framework for medicines guides**The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has published guidance to help pharmacy teams understand the Windsor Framework medicines arrangement that came into effect on 1st January 2025.Under the framework, all medicines are required to have uniform packaging labelled ‘UK Only’. For more information on the changes [r](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c18659679c&e=d19e9fd41c)[ead the guidance](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d9304877c0&e=d19e9fd41c). |

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