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Debates this week have described pharmacies' critical role in easing NHS backlogs and the potential for expanding the Pharmacy First service, as well as calling for action to mitigate the impact of impending National Insurance contribution hikes on the sector.  And at today's Prime Minister's Questions, Marie Goldman, Liberal Democrat MP for Chelmsford, raised the case of a pharmacy owner having to dispense at a loss, asking the Prime Minister whether he agreed that 'no pharmacy should be forced to use their own money to keep their pharmacy viable'.  **Janet Morrison, Chief Executive of Community Pharmacy England said:**  **[A quote on a white background  Description automatically generated](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bbc55e964c&e=d19e9fd41c)** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1d18fb1a4e&e=d19e9fd41c) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **MPs want to hear about medicines shortages**  A cross-party group of MPs is inviting those working in community pharmacy to tell them about the real impact of medicines shortages via a short multiple-choice style survey.  The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Pharmacy's medicines shortages inquiry will be exploring this ongoing challenge and its contributing factors, with the ambition of developing a set of practical recommendations. Community Pharmacy England supports the APPG's vital work and encourages pharmacists and pharmacy teams to share their experiences.  The call for evidence is open until Friday 24th January, with submissions forming a crucial part of the APPG's wider inquiry.  [**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ebafd3cc88&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **In case you missed it: Original Pack Dispensing resources**  From this month, [a](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=26606031cf&e=d19e9fd41c)[mendments to the pharmacy regulations](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=be2e1c355f&e=d19e9fd41c) will require the supervising pharmacist to consider dispensing up to 10% more or less than the prescribed quantity when appropriate, allowing pharmacists the flexibility to supply medicines in the manufacturer's original pack.  To support pharmacy owners and their team members, our in-house experts have published a new Original Pack Dispensing (OPD) hubpage in our website that contains all useful resources relating to the changes. To access the following, please click the hyperlinks:   * [OPD hubpage](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9a27df905a&e=d19e9fd41c) * [OPD FAQ briefing](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4d38c2b82f&e=d19e9fd41c) * [OPD webinar recording](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=91e8f30560&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [A blue and white text  Description automatically generated with medium confidence](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ece957f1e4&e=d19e9fd41c) | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | See our latest article for clarification on clinical pathway guidelines, as well as the responsibilities and limitations of pharmacists delivering Pharmacy First.  [**Read the latest myth busting article**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ab21b505fb&e=d19e9fd41c)[**View additional myths on our Pharmacy First myth busting page**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=48850bf799&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Medicine Supply Notification: NovoRapid® FlexTouch®**  The NovoRapid® (insulin aspart) FlexTouch® 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pens are out of stock until late February 2025 and will subsequently be discontinued from March 2025.  [**L**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3e7cdb0782&e=d19e9fd41c)[**earn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d905537a6a&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e86523a501&e=d19e9fd41c) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=85b02ab644&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b004d1666e&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=70165c715b&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=077ed2bc34&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 © 2025 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.*  You are receiving this email because you are subscribed to our newsletters. 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