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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: Tender opens for RSV & Pertussis vacs; Optimising NHSmail; RPS Special Resolution Vote now open; Dispensing and Supply updates.** |

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| NHS England has published an [invitation to tender](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5e9ab3ae47&e=d19e9fd41c) (ITT) for community pharmacy owners interested in providing a Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and Pertussis Vaccination Enhanced Service. The tender follows the 2024 RSV vaccination programme rollout and commissioning of early adopter pharmacies in the East of England.The current invitation seeks expressions of interest from pharmacy owners with three Midlands ICBs (Black Country, Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland, and Birmingham & Solihull), with up to 66 pharmacy sites able to participate. Interested pharmacy owners must respond by **5pm on Monday 31st March 2025.**Community Pharmacy England Director of NHS Services, Alastair Buxton, welcomed the development, highlighting its potential to improve vaccination access and support future commissioning through ICBs. |

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| [**Read more, including the full statement from our Director of NHS Services**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=70547f406c&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| We have published a series of top tips to help pharmacy teams make the most of NHSmail. The guidance cover key actions to ensure efficient use, maintain access, and enhance collaboration.[**Read the full details, including the NHSmail Escalation Factsheet.**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4c44dab849&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **RPS Special Resolution Vote is now open**Members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) can now vote on proposed changes to its Royal Charter and its ambition to become the Royal College of Pharmacy.The Special Resolution Vote (SRV) will be open until **5pm on Monday 24th March 2025.**[**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=104b0c745d&e=d19e9fd41c)[**, including how to vote**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=139b8708a7&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Dispensing and Supply Updates****Estradot® SSPs extended** The Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Estradot®50micrograms/24hours patches **(SSP079)**, Estradot® 75micrograms/24hours patches **(SSP080)** and Estradot® 100micrograms/24hours patches **(SSP081)** are all being further **extended to Friday 4th April 2025**.[Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ae1674bbe8&e=d19e9fd41c)**MHRA Drug Safety Update: Use of prolonged-release opioids**The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued new guidance stating that prolonged-release opioids, including morphine and oxycodone, are no longer licensed for post-operative pain due to increased risks of persistent opioid use (PPOU) and opioid-induced ventilatory impairment (OIVI). [Continue reading](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b6ed0eb837&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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