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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: CPCF key dates webpage; Watch our Prescription switching video guide; Call for patient views on Pharmacy First; Medicine supply notices.** |

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| **Key dates for May 2025 and upcoming months** Pharmacy owners are encouraged to visit our CPCF services and Terms of Service – Important dates page, which was updated last week. This page helps pharmacy teams stay informed about key dates linked to national services and Terms of Service (ToS) requirements, supporting pharmacy operations throughout the year.The latest update includes key deadlines for this month, including the Pharmacy First service caps updates and the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) aspiration payment window. The page also includes key dates for the months ahead and is regularly updated as new information becomes available.A screenshot of a computer  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |

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| **In case you missed it: Video guide on Prescription switching**In 2024, £2.3m were deducted from pharmacies because 230k prescription items on FP10 paper prescriptions were submitted in the exempt group without a patient signature on the reverse of the prescription form.Our in-house Drug Tariff and funding experts have created a video as part of our [Funding & Reimbursement Shorts series](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=54aa3a662b&e=d19e9fd41c) to provide guidance on prescription switching including reasons for prescription switching and how to avoid prescription switching. Watch the video below 👇 |

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| **Call for patient feedback on Pharmacy First**Community Pharmacy England and Healthwatch England are collecting patient feedback to help improve the Pharmacy First service. Please encourage patients to complete the survey after Minor Illness or Clinical Pathways consultations.Posters and flyers are available to support promotion. Responses will inform service improvements and national evaluation. The survey is open until at least the end of 2025.[**Read more and download the resources**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3addc11d64&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Medicines supply notification**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued Tier 2 medicine supply notifications for the following:* [Lidocaine (Xylocaine®) 10mg/dose spray sugar free](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=360f5698e5&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [Buprenorphine (Reletrans®) 5micrograms/hour and 15micrograms/hour transdermal patches](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b1f1fb6a6b&e=d19e9fd41c)
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