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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: LFD service eligibility update; Discontinuation of Nystan® and other Dispensing and Supply updates; Join our growing LPC and Pharmacy Support Team.** |

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| Several patient groups are no longer eligible to receive free Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests through the pharmacy service. This includes people aged 85+, those on the organ transplant waiting list, and certain care home or hospital residents with specific health conditions (e.g. diabetes, heart failure, or high BMI).Pharmacy owners should brief their teams, update their standard operating procedure (SOP), and stop supplying LFD tests to these groups **by Monday 16th June 2025**.We’ve updated our resources to support these changes. |

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| [**See what's changing**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=343fa5e802&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **Nystan® oral suspension discontinued**Nystan® 100,000 units/ml oral suspension (30ml) has been discontinued and can no longer be ordered by community pharmacies. A generic version, supplied by Zydus, is now available through wholesalers. Prescriptions for the brand should be returned to the prescriber for amendment.Community Pharmacy England is aware the generic selling price exceeds the May Drug Tariff (£1.80) and has raised this as a matter of urgency with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). We’ll share updates when available. [**Full details here**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=41946907c0&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Other Dispensing and Supply updates****Serious Shortage Protocol extensions**DHSC has extended several Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) due to ongoing supply issues affecting certain products. Click the links below for full details:* [**SSP60: Creon® 10000 gastro-resistant capsules**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=46f80b0b13&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**SSP61:**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e3f9e373fe&e=d19e9fd41c) [**Creon® 25000 gastro-resistant capsules**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=73f238031f&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**SSP080 and SSP081**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=be94491319&e=d19e9fd41c)[**:**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=92709049ea&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Estradot® patches**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ca11ec2d88&e=d19e9fd41c)

**MHRA Class 2 Medicines Notification**Aspen Pharma Trading Limited is recalling a specific batch of Mercaptopurine 50mg tablets as a precautionary measure due to microbial contamination. [**Check batch number**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=be0416780f&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Are you passionate about community pharmacy and the role of Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs)? Or do you know someone who is? We’re looking for an LPC Engagement and Support Manager to help strengthen the connection between local and national pharmacy representative work for the benefit of pharmacy owners and their teams.Applications close at **5pm on Monday 16th June**. [**Tell me more about the role**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5037825c6f&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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