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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 changes and future planning discussed in June Committee; Draft service documentation updates; Flu and COVID-19 jab dates; Dispensing and Supply updates.** |

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| Community Pharmacy England's Committee met in Liverpool on 25th and 26th June to consider critical workstreams around funding, medicines supply, and implementation of agreed changes to the CPCF. Committee Members also reflected on lessons learned from the negotiations and discussed emerging themes from the upcoming 10-Year Health Plan to inform our own planning and priorities.This work will be strengthened by insights gathered through [our summer regional events](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e92ad86a42&e=d19e9fd41c), where pharmacy owners are invited to help shape our future negotiating objectives. |

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| [**Read the full update**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1aada9aa78&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **PCS service spec and PGDs**Draft updates to the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) have now been published, which will expand the service to include drospirenone and the addition of oral emergency contraception (levonorgestrel and ulipristal).The draft service specification and patient group directions (PGDs) are being made available to support early preparation by pharmacy teams and IT suppliers, but the revised service is not scheduled to commence until later this year.[**Download the DRAFT documents**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1ba315065c&e=d19e9fd41c)**Pharmacy First clinical pathways and PGDs**Following a review informed by Community Pharmacy England, NHS England has also published draft updates to the Pharmacy First clinical pathways and PGDs which include revised Gateway points aimed at better reflecting pharmacist consultations and potentially increasing eligible payments.However, the service remains unchanged for now – pharmacy teams should continue using current documentation until the official launch date for these revisions is confirmed.[**Download the DRAFT documents**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=52185415db&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Autumn/winter 2025-26 Flu & C-19 vac programme timings**NHS England has outlined key details for this year's autumn/winter flu and COVID-19 vaccination campaigns, confirming eligible patient groups, timings, and booking arrangements.Key dates to note:* **18th August:** The National Booking Service (NBS) opens for participating sites to post appointments.
* **1st September:** NBS open for booking from the public and flu vaccinations begin for pregnant women.
* **1st October:** Flu vaccination starts for all other eligible adults and COVID-19 vaccinations begin.

[**Full details here**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=44b7f1dfc8&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Dispensing and Supply updates****Safety Alert: Non-sterile alcohol-free skin cleansing wipes**A National Patient Safety Alert has been issued for potential contamination of non-sterile alcohol-free skin cleansing wipes with Burkholderia spp.[**Review the National Patient Safety Alert**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2e94812fb4&e=d19e9fd41c)**July Drug Tariff**Several changes are coming into effect in the July 2025 Drug Tariff, which are outlined in the following series of articles.* [**Drug Tariff Watch - July 2025**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=340d3ad077&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**3 products re-classfied as special containers from July 2025**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7cf5816d9e&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Category A price-setting arrangements from July 2025**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b38c8a2b4d&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Advanced and Essential service changes in the July Drug Tariff**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=345031ab44&e=d19e9fd41c)
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