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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: Medicines supply issues persist; Public support for Pharmacy First; Service Fee Advances guidance; July Category M prices; CPAF screening survey.** |

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| Community Pharmacy England has today published a new national report highlighting the serious and ongoing impact of medicines shortages on both patients and community pharmacy teams across the country.The [Pharmacy Pressures Survey 2025: Medicines Supply Report](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8dcb755dd9&e=d19e9fd41c) paints a stark picture of a 'distressing new normal' in which supply problems are placing growing pressure on pharmacy teams and putting patient care at risk. As the crisis deepens, we are calling for urgent systemic reform to protect both the sector and the public it serves.Today, the findings of our Medicines Supply Report appeared in the [Independent](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6651200aa8&e=d19e9fd41c), [Standard](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=66575b0469&e=d19e9fd41c) and [Daily Mail](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c29c8d4548&e=d19e9fd41c). We are also disseminating the results more widely with other media outlets (with the support of LPCs), politicians, think tanks, patient groups, and other pharmacy advocates. |

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| [**Learn more and download resources to help raise awareness of this critical issue**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=252c95469b&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **Overwhelming public support for Pharmacy First service despite medicine supply issues**New [public research](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fc57a32574&e=d19e9fd41c) commissioned by Healthwatch England, also out today, found that nearly one in four people had been unable to get the medicines they needed in the past year due to shortages.However, the research also shows public satisfaction with pharmacy services remains high a year after the NHS launched Pharmacy First. 86% of those who sought help for common conditions reported a positive experience, and many supported expanding the Pharmacy First scheme, with over six in ten people saying they would use a pharmacy for skin problems, eye infections and asthma. |

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| [**See more about public perceptions of pharmacy services**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=52b81caf10&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| We have published a new article to help pharmacy owners understand how service fee advances for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service and Pharmacy Contraception Service are now being handled in monthly payments.The article explains how these fees are paid in advance based on declarations made via the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal, how they appear in the Schedule of Payments, and when they are recovered. It also includes guidance on where to find key payment details and what to expect going forward.[**What you need to know**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d5a20721f4&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **July 2025 Category M prices announced**The July 2025 Category M pricelist has been published by the NHSBSA, showing a £35 million per quarter reduction in reimbursement for Category M medicines. This includes a -£13 million margin adjustment based on the latest Margin Survey, alongside market-driven price changes.We strongly argued for no reduction in the July Drug Tariff due to the need for market stability and to smooth funding delivery to pharmacies, but Ministers ultimately decided that the reduction would go ahead.[**More details here**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6a296c5e15&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **2025/26 CPAF screening questionnaire**The 2025/26 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire will be available from **tomorrow (1st July 2025)**. Completion of CPAF has been a Terms of Service requirement since 2020.[**Tell me more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=da05cf85b4&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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