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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: Flu vac service spec published; Pharmacy First June claims deadline; Inform safe medicines use in palliative care.** |

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| Following discussions with Community Pharmacy England, the service specification for the [2025/26 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0d5deaa4d0&e=d19e9fd41c) has been published today by NHS England.There are only a few changes from last year. These include clarification that the responsible pharmacist is professionally accountable for the service, a new requirement to seek permission before offering off-site vaccinations, and guidance to ensure proper oversight and governance for off-premises delivery. The eligibility criteria have also been updated to reflect changes to vaccine use by age group and clinical risk.The patient group direction (PGD) and national protocol are expected shortly. The service fee is still under ministerial consideration following our submission of an evidence-based case for an increase in the fee, and we will update pharmacy owners on the outcome as soon as we can. |

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| [**Read the service specification**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3908b5ee74&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Pharmacy owners are [reminded](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fbeb357e4f&e=d19e9fd41c) that the claim period for Pharmacy First has been reduced to one month and therefore claims for consultations provided in June 2025 must be submitted via the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal **by 11:59pm on 31st July 2025.**This change was introduced to support the new variable monthly payments for the service.Late claims will only be paid if an IT-related issue outside the pharmacy’s control caused the delay. These exceptional claims must be submitted alongside supporting evidence within 12 months.[**Tell me more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=859714c3c8&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **SPS: Safe use of medicines in palliative and end of life care**The Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) is developing new resources to support the safe use of medicines in palliative and end-of-life care. To ensure these are relevant and useful across all sectors, SPS has launched a short survey aimed at healthcare professionals — including community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.Community pharmacy owners and their teams are encouraged to take part and share their insights.[**Learn more and take the survey**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5c4ac724c4&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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