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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: Publication of PQS clinical audit paperwork; Work to improve medicines supply; GPhC advises on emerging concerns; Call to join prescription tracking pilot.** |

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| NHS England has released the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) Antimicrobial Stewardship: Pharmacy First Consultations Clinical Audit for 2025/26. Completion of the audit, sharing anonymised data, and incorporating findings into practice by 31st March 2026 is a requirement under the Patient Safety domain of this year’s Scheme.**Pharmacy teams should only begin the audit from 1st September 2025**, with a start date no later than 3rd February 2026 to allow for the required eight-week data collection period. Early publication of the paperwork aims to give teams time to review the requirements and plan their approach. |

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| **DHSC outlines work to improve medicines supply**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has set out new measures to strengthen the resilience of the medicines supply chain and better manage shortages. Proposals include consulting on giving pharmacists greater flexibility to supply alternative strengths, quantities, or formulations when medicines are in short supply.Several of DHSC’s proposals align with calls made in Community Pharmacy England’s recent [Medicines Supply Report](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=93ff168498&e=d19e9fd41c) and we are seeking further discussions on pharmacy-related medicines supply concerns.[**More details here**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f8834d3633&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **GPhC refers to emerging concerns**The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) has written to its members to highlight some emerging issues that have led to concerns being raised with them.The concerns relate to:* diversion of medicines by staff;
* checking addresses when supplying medicines at a distance;
* supplying medicines overseas;
* advertising and promotion of medicines;
* supplies of methadone and patient information leaflets (PILs); and
* Yellow Card reporting for GLP-1s

The email containing more information and advice can be found [here](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b9d7c17356&e=d19e9fd41c). |

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| Following news of the [ongoing rollout of prescription status info in the NHS App](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=71539f3296&e=d19e9fd41c), community pharmacy teams have the opportunity to take part in a new NHS England pilot that will enhance how patients track their prescriptions. The scheme will introduce in-app notifications alerting patients when their prescriptions are ready or partially ready to collect, helping improve communication and convenience.Pharmacies using eligible PMR systems, or those unsure but keen to take part, can register their interest now. The pilot starts in early September 2025.[**Learn more and take part**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=782f5f5736&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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