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| **PSNC has now changed its name to Community Pharmacy England, with a strengthened commitment to championing pharmacies and engaging with the sector.** This newsletter is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector. |

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| In this update: Pharmacy Owners: we need your thoughts; Pharmacies set record with 5 million flu vaccinations; Free prescription charges for over 60s continue; Urgent price concessions update. |

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| Pharmacy Owners: Input into our July Committee MeetingThe Community Pharmacy England Committee will have a full meeting in July and we are seeking input from all pharmacy owners ahead of that.Our Negotiating Team is currently working hard through the negotiations on the Primary Care Access Plan to make the most of the £645m investment of new money for the community pharmacy sector. The progress of these negotiations will be a key focus for our July Committee Meeting, as will our ongoing work to make the wider case for more investment in the sector, and we are keen for all pharmacy owners (our members) to have the chance to directly input into those discussions.We are seeking views via a short poll which you can see here: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QK3G8NF](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=43174444f7&e=d19e9fd41c)This will be the first time that the Community Pharmacy England Committee has sought views in this way ahead of a Committee Meeting and we will have a discussion on the poll results at the meeting before reporting back to the sector afterwards. |

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| [**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a360ba27f6&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| New pharmacy record: over 5 million flu vaccinations administeredPharmacy owners and their teams have yet again achieved a new milestone in delivering public health services, having administered over 5 million flu vaccinations through the national Flu Vaccination Service.Commenting on the end-of-season figures, **Alastair Buxton, Director of NHS Services**, Community Pharmacy England said:“Given the significant financial and workforce pressures that our members continue to face, this year on year growth is a fantastic achievement and a testament to their hard work and dedication.”[Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=03ecb0a9df&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Prescription charges remain free for those aged 60 and overThe UK Government has confirmed that individuals aged 60 and above will remain exempt from NHS prescription charges, in response to a public consultation that suggested raising the exemption threshold to the state pension age of 66. Additionally, those under 16 or between 17 and 18 and in full-time education will continue to be exempt from prescription charges. While this outcome is positive news, Community Pharmacy England still supports the removal of all NHS prescription charges, as it places pharmacies in an impossible position and does not benefit them financially.[Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8ea29c6549&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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