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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: EOI for autumn C-19 vaccine service; Flu vaccine specification out; Workforce Survey results; Updated Approved Particulars; FP57 refund claim form. |

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| NHSE opens EOI process for autumn C-19 vacs serviceNHS England (NHSE) has, today, launched an expression of interest process for pharmacy owners to participate in the upcoming autumn COVID-19 vaccination service.The process allows more pharmacies to join the service, but the fee for vaccinations has been reduced by 25% to £7.54, despite opposition from Community Pharmacy England and general practice representatives.Those interested in participating must review the draft guidelines and submit their expression of interest **by 5pm, 29th August 2023**.**Alastair Buxton, Director of NHS Services at Community Pharmacy England said:**"The decision by NHS England to reduce the COVID-19 vaccination fee defies logic. We cannot understand how they came to reach this decision and we know GP leaders feel the same: we both resisted it strongly.This announcement is also much later than was originally planned by NHS England and earlier this week we wrote to the Minister to raise our concerns about the ongoing delay, warning him that this has an adverse consequence for pharmacy owners and their teams, who need time to prepare ahead of the commencement of the service." |

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| [**Continue reading**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f5e23ab580&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Flu vac service spec publishedNHSE has released the service specification for the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service for the 2023/24 season. Key changes include amendments to the eligible patient cohorts and the requirement to use an NHS-assured point of care IT system for clinical records and payment claims. The start date for the service is yet to be announced but is unlikely to start on 1st September as in previous years.[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c8f65d93ee&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| ****2022 Workforce survey results published****The results of the 2022 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey have been published by NHSE. The survey aims to provide information to support workforce planning and advocate for education and training investment in the sector.Key findings include a decrease in the overall workforce, a shift towards employing locum pharmacists, and an increase in vacancies across all roles. Additionally, there has been a significant increase in the number of Independent Prescribers. The data from the survey is also guiding the ongoing review of the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme. [Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=30d3abdaa3&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Two new and three updated Approved ParticularsNHSE has published two new Pharmacy Approved Particulars regarding the notification and display of temporary suspensions as part of the new business continuity planning requirement. Three other Approved Particulars have also been updated on the Information Governance Programme, Pharmacy practice leaflets, and Premises.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=80456c1736&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Updated FP57 receipt and refund claim form now availableThe FP57 receipt and refund claim form has been updated to incorporate the introduction of the Hormone Replacement Therapy Prescription Prepayment Certificate (HRT PPC). While the new form is now available to order, pharmacies can still use the older versions until their stocks run out.[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6f630c6459&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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