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| The voice of community pharmacy (banner) |

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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: Sunday deadline for mandatory workforce survey; DHSC allows antiviral meds for flu; Reminder to check your disallowed items; Extended SSP for Clarithromycin. |

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| Pharmacy owners have until Sunday (**17th December 2023**) to complete the 2023 workforce survey, which **is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.**As well as fulfilling a Terms of Service requirement, completing the annual survey helps provide a full picture of the community pharmacy workforce for future planning. |

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| [**Read more about the survey and how to complete it**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=61fbbef6f2&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| DHSC permits use of antiviral medicines against influenzaThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has advised that, due to increasing flu levels in the community, prescribers in primary care can now prescribe antiviral medicines (oseltamivir and zanamivir) for flu prophylaxis and treatment. Subsequently, community pharmacists may also now supply these medicines at NHS expense.This is in accordance with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance and the Selected List Scheme (SLS). Prescriptions for these products must be endorsed SLS by the prescriber.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=39c2fee943&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Reminder: Check your referred back/disallowed prescriptions on MYS before they expire in January 2024The October 2023 Drug Tariff was updated to include a deadline for submission of any outstanding referred back (unpaid) prescriptions to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for payment. In January 2024, the Drug Tariff will be updated again to include an 18-month deadline for challenging prescriptions that were incorrectly disallowed by the NHSBSA.Pharmacy owners are encouraged to review disallowed items on [Manage Your Service (MYS) portal](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=22b1aff820&e=d19e9fd41c) and submit a challenge if necessary. This is important to avoid potential cash-flow risks, as any outstanding prescriptions older than 18 months will be deleted from MYS after 1st February 2024.[Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e7b05cab9f&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Extension to SSP053 Clarithromycin 125mg/5ml oral suspensionDHSC has announced an extension to the expiry date of the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Clarithromycin 125mg/5ml oral suspension (SSP053). Due to the ongoing supply situation, this SSP has now been further extended to **Friday 12th January 2024.**[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0c4f9c7505&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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