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If pharmacy owners completed any consultations on 31st January 2024, these should also be submitted as part of the February 2024 submission. * Those who registered for the Pharmacy First service by 11.59pm on 30th January 2024 need to complete at least **five Clinical pathway consultations that pass the Gateway point** by 31st March 2024 to retain the £2,000 initial fixed payment. * The minimum number of Clinical pathway consultations that pass the Gateway point **increases to five in March 2024;** pharmacy owners need to achieve this to be eligible for the £1,000 monthly fixed payment. | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c028a5c170&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Hypertension Case-Finding Service: publicity campaign launches 11th March The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) will launch a campaign on 11th March 2024, to promote the Hypertension Case-Finding Service. The campaign aims to encourage individuals aged 40 and above to get a free blood pressure check at the nearest participating pharmacies.  Pharmacies providing the service, can order a free pharmacy campaign pack from the [Campaign Resource Centre](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=de468a9343&e=d19e9fd41c) to promote and support the campaign. Pharmacy owners are also encouraged to update their NHS Profile Manager for maximum visibility.  [Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=afb0f16927&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | DHSC imposes Flat Fee removal from March 2024 DHSC has announced that it will impose a Flat Fee cut on pharmacy owners for March 2024. This is a change being imposed by Government to prevent an expected small over-delivery of fees in 2023/24. The fee was previously £533 per month.  Although the total being recovered is small – around £5.7 million – Community Pharmacy England rejected this change in the strongest terms.  **Commenting on the announcement, Janet Morrison, Community Pharmacy England CEO, said:** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Read more, including the full statement](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=236a94531f&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | NHSE opens limited EOI process for additional capacity for spring C-19 vacs service NHS England has announced a new expression of interest (EOI) process for pharmacy owners that wish to take part in this spring’s COVID-19 Vaccination Service and are able to assist with provision of additional capacity in specific postcode areas.  **The closing date for submissions is at 11:59pm on 6th March 2024**.  [Read more and a](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4b5cab8fcf&e=d19e9fd41c)[ccess the notice of the opportunity](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a527a2332d&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Our website has many answers to queries posed by pharmacy owners, their teams, and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. One of the most recent additions to our Pharmacy First FAQ webpage is: | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Q. I have not yet received the otoscope I ordered. Can I start providing the service before the otoscope arrives?**  Yes. In NHS England’s[letter issued to pharmacy owners on 25th January 2024](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=22ae57f471&e=d19e9fd41c), they advised that pharmacies may start to provide the service without being able to provide the otitis media clinical pathway, if they have evidence that they have ordered an otoscope and are awaiting delivery. From 1st April 2024, an otoscope must be available, and all clinical pathways must be provided in bricks and mortar pharmacies registered to provide the service (DSPs are not able to provide the acute otitis media pathway,  as it requires otoscope examination of the patient’s ear and that is not possible via a remote video consultation). | | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Further information can be found on our Pharmacy First FAQ page**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9a350c6e59&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0887897b99&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5dc54ac33b&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=91f4e5bec6&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8f1da6b310&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d16bb41b53&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy England** Address: 14 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [comms.team@cpe.org.uk](mailto:comms.team@cpe.org.uk)  Copyright © 2024 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.  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