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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: Improved Feb 2024 price concessions; Category A price setting changes; International Women's Day; UKHSA survey; Our supervision consultation response. |

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| Price improvement for Mometasone 50micrograms/dose nasal spray and other products for February 2024Following representations made by Community Pharmacy England on behalf of pharmacy owners, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has redetermined the February 2024 concessionary prices for several medicines. **In particular, reimbursement for Mometasone 50micrograms/ dose nasal spray has doubled.**Please note that the prices do not apply to March 2024 prescriptions. We are still working with DHSC to agree price concessions for March and the first update for this month will be published as soon as we receive a response from the Department. |

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| [**See the full list of price concessions granted for February 2024**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=80b0853803&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Changes to Category A price setting processDHSC will shortly introduce new arrangements for the setting of Drug Tariff Category A reimbursement prices.From 1st April 2024, Category A prices will begin transitioning to the new arrangements, which will see reimbursement prices updated quarterly based on sales and volume data obtained by DHSC under the Health Service Products (Provision and Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2018.DHSC is imposing these changes. Community Pharmacy England did not support the introduction of the changes at this time because of the wider challenges pharmacies are currently grappling with and the unknown impact that these changes could have on the already turbulent medicines supply chain.[Read more, including our statement](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c603019cf3&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Celebrating International Women’s DayToday we're celebrating the remarkable women in community pharmacy and their contributions to the sector. In honour of International Women’s Day, our **Chief Executive Janet Morrison said:**[Read our CEO's full statement](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c7bd970fdd&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| UKHSA surveys healthcare workers about antibiotic use and resistanceThe UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has launched a survey to assess patient facing healthcare professionals’ knowledge and perceptions about antibiotic use and resistance across the UK.The survey, which runs until **18th March 2024**, provides pharmacists and pharmacy technicians with another individual action that they can take to support the fight against Antimicrobial Resistance.[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=92c21a5b74&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Our response to the DHSC consultation on supervisionDHSC has been consulting on proposals to update legislation around the supervision of activities by a pharmacist. The proposals would allow pharmacists to authorise pharmacy technicians to carry out the dispensing and supply of medicines, and any pharmacy team member to distribute checked and bagged prescriptions in the absence of a pharmacist.Broadly, our response supports the proposals, seeking amendments to the drafting of the proposed legislation to ensure the new provisions, if implemented, can be used in practice.[Read more, including our full response](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f654a07b87&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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