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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: Book your place to discuss Critical Pressures and the Future with us; DHSC announces April 2024 price concessions; Drug Tariff Watch for next month. |

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| Briefing Event: Critical Pressures and the FutureWe are holding a national digital event for pharmacy owners at **7pm on Tuesday 7th May.**Given the extreme pressures facing pharmacy business across the country, this event is an opportunity for all pharmacy owners to hear more about what Community Pharmacy England is doing to find solutions, and to ask questions of the Committee and CEO.The 'Critical Pressures and the Future' digital event is your chance to:* hear more about key topics affecting the sector;
* learn more about Community Pharmacy England's work and progress in critical areas; and
* share your views on the issues that are important to you.

**Please note:** registration will close at 3pm on the day of the event and it is only open to community pharmacy owners or their representatives, pharmacy team members, and LPC teams. |

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| Join our engagement event |

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| [**Learn more about the event and book your spot**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=05f44b7102&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| DHSC announces April 2024 Price ConcessionsThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has today confirmed its [initial list of price concessions for April 2024](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=59687f6049&e=d19e9fd41c).This announcement comes late in the month and follows the decision by DHSC, under the direction of Ministers, to **impose** changes to concessions pricing from April to try to manage purchase margins. DHSC has applied its new margin reduction formula as a final step, delaying the announcement through the addition of another layer of complexity to the concessions process.**Commenting on the changes to concessions pricing, Janet Morrison, Community Pharmacy England Chief Executive, said:**"Community Pharmacy England opposes these untested changes. Any system that is based on an expectation of dispensing at a loss is damaging to community pharmacies and the patients they serve: it is unacceptable. This is yet another example of tinkering at the edges while inadequate pharmacy funding arrangements leave pharmacies struggling to stay open, and puts the safe supply of medicines at risk."[View the initial list of April price concessions from DHSC](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a5df5c0ad9&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Drug Tariff Watch – May 2024The Drug Tariff Preface published monthly lists additions, deletions and other changes to products listed in the Drug Tariff.For May, pharmacy owners should particularly note the increase in prescription charges to £9.90 and similar rises in prescription pre-payment certificate costs.[View the summary of the changes coming into effect from 1st May 2024](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e219c9c38e&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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