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| **Newsletter**5th August 2024 |

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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: Further light shone on impact of pharmacy pressures; Products added to DND list; CPPE ACPT programme update; Lagevrio® shelf-life extension.** |

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| Community pharmacies are being forced to stop offering some NHS and public health services as financial and operational pressures on them intensify, polling by Community Pharmacy England has revealed. Key statistics from the poll indicate that a vast majority of pharmacy owners have ceased locally commissioned services, reduced opening hours, and stopped employing locum pharmacists. Just days after GP practices began limiting appointments, we used the results of our polling of pharmacy owners to secure coverage in today's edition of [The Guardian](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9127b889ce&e=d19e9fd41c) about the plight of community pharmacies and how the GP action would only exacerbate the situation.**Community Pharmacy England CEO Janet Morrison said:** |

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| [**Read our news story**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5a2c90713b&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| [**Read our media statement**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=df1e800246&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **Eight products added to the DND list from August 2024**We successfully applied for 8 new products to be added to the list of 'Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted' (DND) from 1st August 2024. This takes the total number of products granted DND status following our checks to 640 in the past three years. Our Dispensing and Supply Team will continue this important work to ensure fair reimbursement for pharmacy owners.[See the new additions to the DND list](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=55ced22212&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **CPPE ACPT programme – free NHS funded places available**The Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician (ACPT) programme is being extended, offering additional training for pharmacy technicians. Participants will be trained to perform the final accuracy check of dispensed prescriptions that have already been clinically reviewed by a pharmacist.A total of 80 NHS England funded places are now available from the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE), with up to 10 places allocated each month until the funding concludes or by March 2025.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3c8bea2481&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Lagevrio® (molnupiravir) 200 mg hard capsules – shelf life extension**Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), has announced a shelf-life extension for certain batches of Lagevrio® (molnupiravir) 200 mg hard capsules.From around 9th August, September 2024 stock will be co-packed with a Dear Patient Letter to notify patients of its expiry until the end of March 2025. There is no need to remove the Patient Letter before passing the medicine to the patient. While the extension applies to all stock, pharmacies are not expected to print additional Patient Letters for stock already on shelves.[Learn more and view the full list](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3e54c5d1b1&e=d19e9fd41c)[of affected batches](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=57d225effa&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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