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| **Newsletter**16th 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: C-19 and flu vac to start on 3rd October; Pharmacy First myth busting; Advice issued on mpox virus; Feed into our next Committee meeting; MHRA notices.** |

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| The main flu and COVID-19 vaccination programmes will both start on Thursday 3rd October 2024, NHS England has confirmed.In a letter to community pharmacy owners, NHS England outlines key details for the autumn/winter vaccination programmes, including eligibility criteria, full campaign timings, and national booking dates. It also emphasises that payments to providers will only be made for vaccinations administered within the authorised dates.Pharmacy teams will want to inform their patients about the late start to the programme and the reasons behind this change. To assist with this communication, a new [poster](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=33d1d7bb95&e=d19e9fd41c) and [leaflet](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e8b99f1741&e=d19e9fd41c) are available for use in pharmacies. |

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| [**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2c00790d2b&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **Pharmacy First myth busting series (#2)**The Community Pharmacy England Services Team has released the second article in a series addressing misconceptions around the Pharmacy First service. The latest article clarifies eligibility for the acute otitis media clinical pathway, quantity of medicine to supply, and more. [**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=edb49adec1&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **UKHSA issue urgent advice on mpox virus infection**The UK Health Security Agency has issued guidance to all NHS service providers regarding Clade I mpox virus (MPXV) infection. This follows the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring on Wednesday that outbreaks in west and central Africa constitute a global health emergency.[**Read the UKHSA guidance**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2818ff8c07&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **How do you feel about Pharmacy First thresholds?**  |

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| [**Complete the poll**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=69ea245cf0&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **Dispensing and Supply Updates**The Medicines and Health products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued the following medicine notices (click the hyperlinks below for more information):* [**Class 2 Medicines Recall:** Loperamide Hydrochloride Capsules 2mg (Strides Pharma UK Limited)](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=20d84fd87f&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [**Class 4 Medicines Defect Information**: Trazodone Hydrochloride 50mg, 100mg Capsules & 50mg/5ml Oral Solution (Dawa Limited)](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=87c0661145&e=d19e9fd41c)
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