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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: Government urged to tackle medicines shortages; MHRA Webinar on Windsor Framework; Dispensing and Supply Updates.** |

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| The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS), alongside Community Pharmacy England, charities, and patient groups, is urging the Government to address worsening medicine shortages and empower community pharmacists to supply appropriate alternatives when stocks run low.A new report compiled by the RPS, [Medicines Shortages: solutions for empty shelves](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f22262b0fe&e=d19e9fd41c), highlights the growing challenges in ensuring patients have access to treatments due to supply chain instability. Community Pharmacy England contributed to the findings of the RPS report and supports many of its recommendations.We regularly share information on medicines supply issues with DHSC to support its monitoring of the supply chain. Information is gathered from a variety of sources, but we also rely on pharmacy teams reporting their experiences to us via our [shortages form](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=62fbddddd5&e=d19e9fd41c) and [pricing issue form](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=199cf326bd&e=d19e9fd41c).You can learn more about our work in this area, as well as find materials to explain supply issues to patients, in our revamped [Medicine shortages hub](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ea44c0bb46&e=d19e9fd41c). |

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| [**Read more, including the RPS report and our CEO's statement**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1cc4d5ee0f&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **Windsor Framework Industry Webinar**The Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is hosting a webinar on the Windsor Framework on **Tuesday 10th December at 11am**.[The Windsor Framework](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=574967011b&e=d19e9fd41c) sets out the long-term arrangements for the supply of medicines into Northern Ireland after Brexit and has led to changes to the Human Medicines Regulations. As part of these measures, from 1st January 2025 all medicines on the UK market will use the same packaging and labelling, and must be labelled as ‘UK Only’.The webinar aims to help attendees understand the latest guidance and identify any relevant changes they may need to make in preparation for the Windsor Framework implementation date.[Learn more and register](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ab13adf03f&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Dispensing and Supply Updates****Medicine Supply Notice: Imiquimod cream 250mg sachets**A Tier 2 medicine supply notification has been issued for Imiquimod (Aldara® 5% and Bascellex® 50mg/g) cream 250mg sachets, with several products due to be out of stock until January 2025. However, alternatives remain available. [L](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d2cc7fb1d7&e=d19e9fd41c)[earn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=edb8c8ffe4&e=d19e9fd41c)**Medicine Supply Notice: Diclofenac eye drops**A Tier 2 medicine supply notification has been issued for Diclofenac (Voltarol® Ophtha Multidose) 0.1% eye drops, which are out of stock until mid-March 2025. [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=06e32ba852&e=d19e9fd41c)**MHRA Class 4 Medicines Defect: Tramadol Hydrochloride capsules**The MHRA has issued a class 4 medicines defect information notice for Tramadol Hydrochloride 50 mg capsules and Tramadol Hydrochloride Morningside 50 mg Prolonged-Release capsules due to packaging issues with some batches. [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=86ef3b4ec4&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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