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National updates

Pharmacy First submission deadline extended after technical issue.

- The NHSBSA has confirmed that the deadline for pharmacy owners to make their claims for February Pharmacy First consultations has been extended until **5pm Friday 15 March**. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

NHSE opens limited EOI process for additional capacity for spring C-19 Vacs Service.

- NHS England has announced a new expression of interest (EOI) process for pharmacy owners that wish to take part in this spring's COVID-19 Vaccination Service and are able to assist with provision of additional capacity of specific postcode areas. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Pharmacy Pressures Survey 2024 – available now

- Community Pharmacy England has launched its third annual Pressures Survey and hope to hear directly from everyone who owns or works in a community pharmacy.

The situation for community pharmacies is now critical and they need to hear about specific issues such as medicines supply, workforce and the recently launched Pharmacy First service and how all this impacts you.

The survey takes around 10-15 minutes to complete and is open now until **23:59 on Tuesday 2 April**. Full information and the survey can be found on the [CPE website](#).

DHSE imposes Flat Fee removal from March 2024.

- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced that it will impose a Flat Fee cut on pharmacy owners for March 2024.

The Flat Fee – which has been paid to pharmacies dispensing more than 101 items per month since April 2023 following the transitional payments under the five-year CPCF deal – will reduce to zero for March 2024. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Hypertension Case-Finding Service: publicity campaign launches 11 March 2024.

- The Department of Health and Social Care will be launching a campaign to promote the Hypertension Case-Finding Service from 11 March. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Pharmacy bodies launch manifesto ahead of next General Election

- Community Pharmacy England, the Company Chemists' Association, the National Pharmacy Association, and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society have (on 5 March) published a joint Manifesto for community pharmacy, ahead of the General Election expected this year.

The manifesto can be used by anyone in the community pharmacy sector to engage with political parties and candidates in the run-up to the election. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Coalition calls for testing to tackle threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

- CPE has joined a new coalition of industry and health charities, led by the British In Vitro Diagnostics Association (BIVDA) and former Health Minister Maggie Throup MP, to highlight missed opportunities to tackle AMR. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Local News

- **Northamptonshire ICB** have published their monthly Tablet Press prescribing newsletter – for GP's, nurses and pharmacy teams which can be found on the [BLMK-N-LPC website](#).
- **Northamptonshire ICB** have published an Extra Tablet Press on [Hay Fever Treatment update- OTC](#) and [Nutritional Products on Prescription – update](#). Full information can be found on [BLMK-N-LPC website](#).

Training and Webinars

Pharmacy First NHS funded training.

- Build your pharmacy future with fully funded flexible training tailored to your skills, experience, and individual learning requirements. [Find out more and apply now](#).

Data Security and Protection Toolkit Workshop Wednesday 20 March at 7pm.

- Community Pharmacy England will be holding a webinar to help community pharmacy owners complete the [Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2023/2024](#). All pharmacy owners are required to give yearly information governance, data, and security assurances to the NHS via the online self-assessment. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#). [Registration link](#).

Free UTI webinar Thursday 21 March 2024 18:30 – 19:30

- The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) are hosting a free webinar on Urinary Tract Infections. Full information can be found on [BLMK-N-LPC website](#).

Reminders

Verifying your NHS Profile Manager profile

- Ahead of the **31 March 2024** deadline, pharmacy owners are reminded of the need to update their [NHS Profile Manager](#) to ensure that their pharmacy's NHS website and Directory of Service (DoS) profile information is up to date. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Medicine updates

Medicine supply notifications

- [Midazolam \(Epistatus\) 5mg/0.5ml oromucosal solution pre-filled oral syringes.](#)
- **Ordering of salbutamol respirator solution.** Details of the specialist importers are on the SPS website [Shortage of Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice](#) which also provides details of how these should be prescribed.
- [Fiasp Flex Touch \(insulin aspart\) 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pens.](#)

Price Concessions Update

- [February 2024 price concessions final update.](#)

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