

## National News

### Temporary Closures

Pharmacy owners need to maintain the safety of their services, with the safe supply of medicines being a key priority [\*\*Pharmacies forced to halt services as pressure continues\*\*](#). Use the following link to access a checklist of necessary actions to undertake in the event of [\*\*a temporary closure\*\*](#)

### Share your opinions on Pharmacy First thresholds

Community pharmacy owners are being asked to share information and views about future increases in Pharmacy First thresholds. Note, CCA multiple branches do not need to respond as the survey is being sent to their head offices.

### Protest activity across England: impact on pharmacies.

Protests and violent disorder are affecting some towns and cities across England, and this may have an impact on the ability of community pharmacies to operate. If your pharmacy is in an area which is being affected, follow any guidance being provided by the police or local government. Click on the link for details of [\*\*Local Resilience Forums\*\*](#)

### Regional Roadshow Recordings on demand

A recorded presentation on what lies ahead for community pharmacy – including Community Pharmacy England's strategy to improve the outlook for pharmacy owners and their teams – is now available to watch on-demand

### Invite your MP to visit

Pharmacy owners are encouraged to engage with their local MPs during the Parliamentary recess, which lasts until 2nd September.

[National Summer CD Newsletter](#)

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## Local News

**For Northants only – New CDAO from 1 September 2024.**

Following the re-organisation of structures post the ‘Creating the new NHS England’ process, and the successful appointment of Bhavisha Pattani to the role of Director for Patient Safety & Systems Improvement in the Midlands, there have been changes to the ICBs covered by our CDAOs.

From **1 September 2024**, **Samantha Travis** will be the Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer (CDAO) for East Midlands covering Northamptonshire. Samantha can be contacted on [Samantha.travis@nhs.net](mailto:Samantha.travis@nhs.net) or via the new Midlands CDAO Team email address [england.midlandscd@nhs.net](mailto:england.midlandscd@nhs.net).

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## Training & Events

**Join us for our online AGM on 11th September 2024. [Read more here](#)**

**[CPPE ACPT programme – free NHS funded places available.](#)**

NHS England have funded the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) to offer places on their **Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT)** programme for pharmacy technicians. The programme is a 3–12-month training and development programme available to pharmacy technicians, with employee support.

**[Further funded places for IP training](#)**

The NHS is offering more funded independent prescribing (IP) courses for community pharmacists, including locums, available until March 2025. These courses, provided by various universities, will equip pharmacists with the skills to diagnose, prescribe, and follow-up care with patients.

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## Reminders

### Flu Vaccination start dates and comms for patients.

The start date for the flu vaccination will be **Thursday 3 October 2024**, with an exception for pregnant women, which is 1 September 2024.

The service specification is clear that the NHS will not pay for vaccinations administered outside of the announced dates for vaccination.

### Change to August Pharmacy First monthly threshold.

The Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England, and ministers have now decided that they intend to adjust the **August threshold to 15** in light of the concerns that CPE have raised.

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## Medicines

### General:

### New products added to the Discount Not Deducted (DND) list from August 2024.

### Rivaroxaban tablets changes to reimbursement

### Reimbursement Price Adjustments:

[Epipen and Jext \(adrenaline\)](#)

**Retrospective Reimbursement Price Adjustments:**

[Aptamil® products and Latuda®\(lurasidone\) tablets](#)

**MHRA:**

[Lagevrio \(molnupiravir\) 200mg hard capsules - shelf-life extension.](#)

[Omeprazole medicines defect notice](#)

[Diflucan oral suspension defect notice](#)

[Trandolapril recall](#)

**Medicine Supply Notifications**

[Ramipril 2.5mg tablets](#)

**Serious Shortage Protocol:**

[New SSP issued for Ramipril 2.5mg tablets \(SSP071\).](#)

[New SSP issued for Cefalexin 500mg tablets \(SSP072\).](#)

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