

National Updates

[Parliamentarians urge Government action to support community pharmacies in letter to Health Secretary.](#)

20 parliamentarians have signed a letter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Wes Streeting MP, calling for urgent government action to safeguard the future of community pharmacies.

[Autumn Budget: Community Pharmacy England's Push for Mitigations.](#)

Since the [Autumn Budget](#), Community Pharmacy England has been working to ensure that the impact of the announced changes on community pharmacies is fully understood by Government, and to argue once again that community pharmacies urgently need a funding uplift.

[Guidance on managing IT issues.](#)

Community Pharmacy England regularly receives queries or requests for advice about system-specific IT issues and have recently updated their factsheet to support pharmacy owners and their teams.

[Help shape the future of NCRS and communication to patients.](#)

NHS England are seeking views from National Care Records Service ([NCRS](#)) users including community pharmacy professionals.

This new survey will help NHS England consider NCRS improvements including any potential improvements that ease pharmacy record-using burden or support pharmacy communications to patients.

[CPE response to NHS reforms package.](#)

Health and Social Care Secretary Wes Streeting has today outlined new measures to improve NHS performance as part of a [package of NHS reforms](#).

Local News

Training and Engagement needs of Community Pharmacies in BLMK-N LPC.

As part of our ongoing commitment to represent and support community pharmacies within BLMK-N, we are conducting a **survey** to understand your training and engagement needs. Your insights are invaluable in helping us understand what specific support you require.

Please can Pharmacists take a moment to complete this **survey** and provide their feedback, which will directly influence the training and engagement opportunities, ensuring pharmacies are equipped to deliver services. The survey will close on **30 November 2024**.

FAO BLMK – The University of Bedfordshire are Calling all Pharmacies to participate in an Automated Medication Device RCT.

The University of Bedfordshire would like to invite you to participate in an innovative six-month Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT) aimed at improving medication adherence for patients with long-term conditions. This study, led by the University of Bedfordshire, will evaluate a new automated medication dispensing device that offers real-time alerts to family members or carers if doses are missed, providing an additional layer of support for patients.

Why Participate?

- **Be a Leader in Innovation:** Join the forefront of pharmaceutical care by testing cutting-edge technology.
- **Enhance Patient Outcomes:** Support patients who struggle with adherence, especially those with long-term conditions.
- **Real-Time Alerts:** Ensure timely intervention through alerts to loved ones or carers.
- **Training & Support Provided:** We will equip you with all necessary devices, training, and support throughout the trial.
- **Up to £120 for each patient allocated the device.**

Your Role:

- Enrol eligible patients in the study.
- Implement the automated dispensing device in your practice.
- Track and report patient outcomes through a simple data collection system.

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to a study that could transform medication management, all while showcasing your pharmacy's commitment to advancing patient care.

To learn more or to sign up, please contact Dr Jodi Emma Wainwright at

jodiemma.wainwright@beds.ac.uk or call 07566729241.

FAO Bedford/Central Bedfordshire/Milton Keynes – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Community Pharmacy Survey extended.

The purpose of the PNA is to identify what pharmaceutical services are currently available in an area and where services are likely to be needed in the future, because of changes to the health or demographics of the population. The PNA plays a **crucial** part in supporting commissioning decisions in relation to local pharmaceutical service provision based on patient's needs.

The following surveys deadlines have been extended to **1 December 2024**; we strongly encourage you to complete the following survey for your locality:

- [Bedford Borough Council](#)
 - [Central Bedfordshire](#)
 - [Milton Keynes City Council](#)
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Training & Events

[SPS launches Pharmacy First podcast series.](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) has launched a podcast series to discuss some of the issues surrounding the Pharmacy First Service and to debunk certain clinical myths around the Clinical pathway strand of the service.

[NHSBSA Online Webinars for Pharmacy Teams.](#)

The NHSBSA are hosting webinars to provide an insight into how they reimburse prescriptions. These sessions will take place online and last approximately 1 hour. There are 8 sessions in total (a full list of the dates is on the CPE website). To sign up and attend one of the sessions, email NHSBSA at open-days@nhsbsa.nhs.uk with the date and time of the session you wish to attend.

[CPE Webinars – Engaging with the NHS 10-year plan.](#)

Community Pharmacy England (CPE) will be hosting a webinar on [Tuesday 26 November 7.30pm](#) to discuss the Government's NHS 10-year plan. The webinar will provide more detail on how the plan is being developed, outline opportunities for pharmacy owners to have their say, and describe the ways in which CPE is responding on behalf of the sector. **Registration for this event needs to be made in advance.**

[CPE Webinar – OPD.](#)

CPE will be hosting a webinar on the introduction of Original Pack Dispensing (OPD) on **Monday 25 November at 7:30pm.**

[Book your place now.](#)

[Funding and Reimbursement Shorts: Dispensing and Claiming SSPs.](#)

Community Pharmacy England's in-house Drug Tariff and funding experts have created a **new video** providing guidance on how to correctly endorse and claim for any supplies made against a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP).

Reminders

Reminder: complete the 2024 mandatory workforce survey.

Pharmacy owners are reminded of the requirement to complete the 2024 workforce survey, which is a **mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners**.

The survey will **close at midnight on 11 December 2024**.

NHS England Pharmacy First campaign re-start.

NHS England relaunched their Pharmacy First campaign on Monday 11 November.

Minor revisions have been made to the original campaign materials used earlier this year, including additional information on the age criteria for the clinical pathways.

Ahead of the official launch, the campaign materials are available on the [Department of Health and Social Care's Campaign Resource Centre website](#).

Medicines

General:

[November 2024 Price Concessions 1st Update.](#)

MHRA:

[Class 4 Medicines Defect information: Entyvio 108mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe \(Takeda UK Limited\).](#)

Serious Shortage Protocol:

[SSP071 – Ramipril 2.5mg tablets extended.](#)

[SSP61 – Creon® 25000 gastro-resistant capsules extended.](#)

[SSP60 – Creon® 10000 gastro-resistant capsules extended.](#)

[Expiry of SSP074 Monomax® XL 60mg tablets.](#)