

## National Updates

### 9 products added to the Discount Not Deducted (DND) list from January 2025.

Community Pharmacy England on behalf of pharmacy owners made further applications to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), resulting in a further **9 new products being added to the 'Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted' (DND) list from 1 January 2025**. This takes the total number of products granted DND status to over **660 products** following checks made by our Dispensing & Supply team over the past 4 years to ensure fair reimbursement for pharmacy owners.

### New Pharmacy Regulations Briefing: What you need to know.

Community Pharmacy England has recently published a briefing outlining several important regulatory changes currently underway to help make dispensing more efficient and support capacity for the provision of clinical services.

### Pharmacy First myth busting series #5.

The fifth of a series of articles to tackle some of the misconceptions around Pharmacy First.

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## Training & Events

### 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, the next one will be on **Tuesday 14 January at 10:00am** (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](mailto:open-days@nhsbsa.nhs.uk) with the date and time of the session you wish to attend.

### Face to Face Pharmacy Contraception Service Training in Huntingdon.

In collaboration with CPPE, Community Pharmacy Cambridgeshire & Peterborough are delivering consultation workshops for pharmacists. They have a few spaces remaining for **Sunday 19 January 10:00 – 12:00** in Huntingdon. Full details for [booking](#) can be found on the Community Pharmacy Cambridge & Peterborough website.

### [Places still available on the CPPE pharmacy technician: advancing your role programme.](#)

Fully funded places are still available on the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) community pharmacy technician: advancing your role learning programme. Pharmacy technicians who currently work in community pharmacy and are looking to upskill themselves to develop their roles in practice can apply to take part.

### [Health & Housing Roadshow's within Bedfordshire.](#)

In partnership with Peabody, Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes City Council are running roadshow's offering specialist advice and support to help improve health and wellbeing within the community.

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## Reminders

### [Reminder: changes to the Pharmacy First monthly threshold](#)

The Minimum number of clinical pathway consultations for the Pharmacy First Service for January 2025 is **25**.

New Pharmacy First caps will be introduced from January 2025; these caps are based on the monthly average of Pharmacy First (clinical pathways) delivered during August 2024 to October 2024.

A list of pharmacy owners, their assigned Band and monthly cap can be found on the NHS Business Services Authority's (NHSBSA) website.

[Read more information on the NHSBSA website about the Pharmacy First caps](#)

### [Reminder: SPS Pharmacy First podcast series.](#)

Earlier this year, Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) 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.

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## Medicines

### **General:**

[Drug Tariff Watch – January 2025.](#)

[December 2024 Price Concessions 4<sup>th</sup> Update.](#)

### **Medicine Supply Notifications:**

[NovoRapid® \(insulin aspart\) FlexTouch® 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pens-Updated.](#)