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Data released by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) highlighted the number of community pharmacies in England has reached its lowest point in seven years, with only 11,414 community pharmacies active in 2022/23.  We spoke to both the [Daily Mail and Daily Express](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4bd4dfb261&e=d19e9fd41c) to raise our significant concerns about the accessibility of vital healthcare services. We warned that the situation has deteriorated since the period covered by this report, highlighting that real-time NHS England data indicates it might be as low as 10,300 by September 30th and the strain on pharmacies is worsening.   Briefing the media is a big part of our ongoing efforts to advocate for community pharmacies in England and drive meaningful change. This is to ensure that the voice of community pharmacy is heard and represented on important matters. | | | | |  | | --- | | [**View more of our recent Press Statements**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6fe7966aa8&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 2023 mandatory workforce survey opens today The 2023 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey, conducted by  North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS) on behalf of NHS England, has started today. The survey will be open for eight weeks, closing on **December 17th, 2023.**  All pharmacy owners are required to complete the survey. The NHS Business Service Authority (NHSBSA) has sent an email to pharmacy owners with a link to the survey. In some cases, head offices will complete the survey for multiple pharmacy groups.  [Learn more about the survey and how to complete it](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fe379ad0c4&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Celebrating Black History Month 2023 As we continue to celebrate Black History Month during October, and in celebration of this year’s theme ‘[Saluting our Sisters: Celebrating Black women](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a8b110c64e&e=d19e9fd41c)’, spoke with Chemist+Druggist to recognise the contributions of Black women in our sector  **Adeola Wilson, Media and Corporate Communications Manager at Community Pharmacy England, said:**  [Read the full statement](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4c2b8f2bb2&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Participate in the CQC’s medicines sustainability research The Care Quality Commission (CQC) Medicines Optimisation Team is conducting research on the sustainability of medicines in the UK, and wants to hear from community pharmacies.  With medicines accounting for 25% of the NHS's carbon emissions, this project aims to drive innovation and develop products that support providers to ensure the sustainable use of medicines. Given pharmacy’s central role in medicines supply, pharmacy owners and their teams are invited to participate in this survey to help shape regulatory approaches in the future.  [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9875847ace&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=79b1238c9d&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c618b1051d&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0de378515e&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=35cbe7e64c&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy England** Address: 14 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [comms.team@cpe.org.uk](mailto:comms.team@cpe.org.uk)  Copyright © 2023 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.  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