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| The voice of community pharmacy (banner) |

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| **This newsletter - sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - contains important information and resources to support community pharmacies across England.** |

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| In this update: Pharmacy First Service spec and pathways; Call for unified CVD approach; Our Committee.  |

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| The service specification for the Pharmacy First service, which is due to commence at the end of January 2024, has been released following agreement between Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), NHS England and Community Pharmacy England.  Alongside the service specification, the clinical pathways for the seven conditions covered by the service have also been published.The new Pharmacy First service will include these seven conditions, alongside the current elements of the [Community Pharmacist Consultation Service](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=46f7e41ff6&e=d19e9fd41c) – minor illness consultations and urgent supply of medicines, for people referred to the pharmacy.To assist pharmacy owners and their teams, we will be publishing more guidance on the service and resources over the next few weeks. We are also organising a series of webinars with NHS England and the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) on [services and service changes announced following the Recovery Plan negotiations](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4373f3c10e&e=d19e9fd41c), and details of these will be announced soon. |

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| [**Read the service specification and clinical pathways**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b7bec6b159&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| [**Visit our Pharmacy First service webpage**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=904dcbd38c&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Government advised to take a joined up approach to CVDCommunity Pharmacy England has joined leading charities, medical and trade associations and AstraZeneca to urge the Government to take a joined up approach for improving cardiovascular disease (CVD) outcomes.The shared vision, which was launched in Parliament earlier this month, sets out a collective view for improving CVD outcomes. The paper urges a holistic approach across CVD and other long-term conditions (CVD risk conditions), highlighting opportunities for greater use of community pharmacy in the prevention of CVD and CVD risk conditions.[Read more, including our comment](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9d4c40c8c9&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Community Pharmacy England Committee CompositionFollowing the recent divestment of LloydsPharmacy branches, we have been asked about the composition of our Committee. [Community Pharmacy England’s Committee](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4ba8dd5db8&e=d19e9fd41c) is made up of 24 representatives from across the community pharmacy sector, and a non-executive chair. It has been a principle of the Committee for some time, and was affirmed by pharmacy owners in the RSG vote, that the composition of the Committee should remain 50% Multiple and 50% Independent.As reported in our [Committee Meeting Summary Briefing](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f86689a9c7&e=d19e9fd41c), in September, the Committee took a vote to regularly review its composition, looking at pharmacy ownership data, in line with its election cycle every four years. This is in line with independent governance advice.[Continue reading](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=641a73a51c&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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