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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: New Pharmacy First FAQs and resource; Thousands of Pharmacy First consultations within initial days of launch; Pharmacy Owners fed into our January meeting; Medicine Supply Notifications. |

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| As pharmacy owners and their teams continue to implement the Pharmacy First service, we have been actively addressing your questions through online drop-in events. The most frequently asked questions have been compiled and added to our [Pharmacy First FAQ webpage](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ccf00323c3&e=d19e9fd41c).We have also developed a new resource to assist you in providing online information sources to patients. This resource includes a comprehensive list of patient-facing leaflets as well as website links. These can be accessed through QR codes or hyperlinks, allowing patients to easily access relevant information on their mobile phones. |

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| [**Read the updated FAQs and download new resource**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ee03d80236&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| 3,000 Pharmacy First appointments carried out in first 3 daysEarlier this week Health Minister Lord Markham CBE revealed that there have been around 3,000 consultations in the first three days of Pharmacy First.Our Chief Executive, Janet Morrison has praised the strong start to the service, commending the hard work of community pharmacy teams in preparing for the launch as well as recognising the support from the public.We, along with NHS and Government, were not expecting pharmacies to be inundated with patients initially: changing public behaviour takes time and effort, and a slow and steady transition period was always likely. However, this is a big step for community pharmacy and we know the hard work that has gone into reaching this stage across the entire sector.**Our Chief Executive Janet Morrison said:**[Read our CEO's full statement](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3ab3cb9c13&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| What pharmacy owners told us in January 2024As part of Community Pharmacy England’s commitment to working more closely with pharmacy owners – listening to you better, as well as engaging more regularly via events and other channels – we sought input from the sector ahead of our [**January 2024 Committee Meeting**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f148ed72c9&e=d19e9fd41c)The opinion poll, conducted between 5th and 21st January, gathered views from pharmacy owners on topical issues. The questions were focused on pharmacy owners’ thoughts about preparations for the new Pharmacy First service and the outlook for your pharmacy businesses in 2024. Committee Members reflected on the opinions received, and poll findings will continue to be used to strengthen our campaigning and influencing work to press for funding uplifts and other improvements for the sector.[Read the summary of your responses](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e070bf2eb6&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Medicine Supply NotificationsThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued medicine supply notifications for the following items (click the hyperlinks below for more information):* [Flixotide® (fluticasone) 50 micrograms/dose Evohaler](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bc0307d592&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [Nadolol 80mg tablets](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6963a28e6b&e=d19e9fd41c)
* [Oxcarbazepine 150mg and 300mg tablets](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=af0702e0b1&e=d19e9fd41c)

Copies of these medicine supply notifications have been sent to all pharmacy NHS email addresses. |

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