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The latest press reports highlight the challenges that patients who rely on medication to treat and manage conditions such as cystic fibrosis are facing.  Over the bank holiday weekend, [The Sunday Times](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0fd58dd3ad&e=d19e9fd41c) reported that in the past 12 months, medicines to treat epilepsy, ADHD, menopause, and bipolar disorder have also been affected by short drug supplies.  We shared the following statement with The Sunday Times and, as indicated in the article, will shortly be issuing a Medicines Supply Report compiled using findings from our 2024 Pharmacy Pressures Survey. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | [**Read our statement in full**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=dbcf4b3549&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Since the launch of the service, Community Pharmacy England and NHS England have published a number of resources to support pharmacy owners and their teams to promote the Pharmacy First service.  We have incorporated all of these into a Pharmacy First checklist so pharmacy owners can see if there are any additional activities that they or their teams could participate in to promote the service to the public.  [Download the Pharmacy First promotion checklist](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4e42f79679&e=d19e9fd41c) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | CiPPPA initiative launch A new collaborative approach has been launched to address challenges surrounding the recycling of medicine packaging.  In line with the growing global emphasis on environmental sustainability within the healthcare sector, the Circularity in Primary Pharmaceutical Packaging Accelerator (CiPPPA) initiative connects stakeholders across the pharmaceutical supply chain – including Community Pharmacy England, NHS England and MHRA – to work together to develop and implement strategies for recycling primary pharmaceutical packaging.  [Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8d01a669f4&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | New resources to help eliminate hepatitis C Hep C U Later has been commissioned by NHS England to provide resources to help encourage hepatitis C testing amongst patients, to provide information to the public and update knowledge amongst healthcare professionals and their teams. The resources include a primary care toolkit, national testing portal poster, leaflet, and CPD accredited hepatitis C training module.  [Download the resources](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=08d0022b13&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Dispensing and Supply Updates **Mounjaro®▼ (tirzepatide) 2.5 mg KwikPen® – shelf-life extension** The shelf-life of certain batches of Mounjaro®▼ (tirzepatide) 2.5mg KwikPen® have been extended to 14 months. Affected packs will be inserted into a sealed clear plastic bag with an advisory letter. [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=37b3eb7115&e=d19e9fd41c)  **End of antiviral medicine prescribing for 2023/24 influenza season** With influenza in the community having now returned to baseline levels, DHSC has informed pharmacy teams that they should no longer supply antiviral medicines for the prophylaxis and treatment of influenza on a FP10 prescription form. [Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=18eda24b6c&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c9f7574b34&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3034a2526c&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2310911c2e&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9c28f49403&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=69c779d171&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 © 2024 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.  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