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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: 1st October changes – a services summary; Committee composition update; Cefalexin SSPs extended; NHSBSA webinars.** |

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| **From Wednesday 1st October 2025**, several national services commence as well as the implementation of some of the service changes agreed in the 2025/26 CPCF settlement.💉**Vaccination services: Commencement of services**Pharmacies registered to provide the services, can start to provide the Childhood Flu Vaccination Service and COVID-19 Vaccination Service from 1st October. Vaccination of all eligible groups (in addition to pregnant women) for the 2025/26 Adult Flu Vaccination Service can also begin.📁**Pharmacy First: Updated clinical pathways, protocol and PGDs**NHS England has announced that pharmacy owners can start using the updated Pharmacy First clinical pathways, protocol and Patient Group Directions (PGDs) from 1st October, with final versions of the updated documentation now available. This follows confirmation that the necessary changes to the clinical IT systems will be made on schedule.❌**Directed services: Can no longer be provided from DSP premises**Distance Selling Premises (DSP) pharmacies will no longer be able to provide Directed services (Advanced, National Enhanced and Enhanced Services) face-to-face with the patient **at the pharmacy premises** from 1st October. Separately, we have produced a [set of FAQs](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9bd76a0ac7&e=d19e9fd41c) to help DSP pharmacy owners understand what the change means for them. |

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| [**Find out more about the services changes**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4eaef72304&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| **Community Pharmacy England: Composition Update**Community Pharmacy England has agreed to make changes to its composition in order to better reflect the make-up of the community pharmacy sector.The new interim arrangements are part of ongoing work on governance. The decision comes after a constructive meeting between Community Pharmacy England and the sector bodies over the summer and marks a constructive step forwards in collaboration across the sector.[**Learn more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9668872e48&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| **Cefalexin oral suspensions SSPs further extended**The Department of Health and Social Care has announced a further extension of the Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Cefalexin 125mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free (SSP077) and Cefalexin 250mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free (SSP078). Due to continuing supply issues, both SSPs will now be in place until **Friday 24th October 2025**.[**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=45d09960cd&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) – which processes prescriptions and pharmacy payments – continues to run regular online webinars, with several dates available in the coming months. The sessions cover endorsement best practices as well as common submission errors. Simply email NHSBSA to attend.[**See available dates**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=afb53d5bfb&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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