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We hope to have MPs from across all political parties in attendance and will be asking for their help with getting more support for pharmacies, as well as explaining to them just how much pharmacies are doing to support patients and the wider health service.  **Please tell your MP about the urgent winter challenges. Invite your MP to the event using the** [template letter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d060ec21eb&e=d19e9fd41c)**.** | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more about the Parliamentary event**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=be5a012fb5&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Focus on antimicrobial stewardship: PQS Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and effective antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) are critical concerns for community pharmacists globally and locally, impacting individual patients through to consequences at a population level.   The Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) has been instrumental in highlighting the urgency of addressing AMR over the past three years. It recognises the vital role that pharmacy teams play in promoting AMS and educating the public on the responsible use of antimicrobials.  As we reflect on the new [Pharmacy First service](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=78321a941a&e=d19e9fd41c) that was recently announced and mark World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (18th – 24th November), it is important to reflect on the activities that pharmacy teams have undertaken as part of PQS,  providing a strong foundation from which that new service can be launched.   * [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=11a185c223&e=d19e9fd41c) about the PQS initiatives and NHS England's assessment in our news story. * [Read our](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=aebbe32f7d&e=d19e9fd41c) [case study](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e738bab217&e=d19e9fd41c) highlighting the effective implementation of AMS in community pharmacies. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | We are holding two sector webinars for pharmacy owners focusing on the launch of a national Pharmacy First service and the other advanced services as part of the delivery plan for recovering access to primary care. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Please register to join on Monday 27th November at 7pm**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=976c0013d3&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | | [**Or register to join on Tuesday 28th November at 12.30pm**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1aa79884ea&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Christmas/New Year Opening hours During the Christmas/New Year period, Pharmacy owners do not have to give formal notice of closures on days specifically mentioned in the Regulations (namely Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) or a day specifically designated as a ‘bank holiday’ unless directed to open by NHS England (NHSE). Pharmacy owners must also ensure their Directory of Services (DoS) and NHS website entries are kept up-to-date.  Furthermore, if there are any changes to supplementary opening hours, such as early closures, please notify NHS England (NHSE) at least five weeks in advance.   [Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=161299f047&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=09366016c6&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1787594822&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=48bf544bd8&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=114798e517&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2afff8618b&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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