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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: January 2024 Category M prices; Latest service case study; Newsletter Christmas and New Year schedule.  |

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| January 2024 Category M prices announcedThe Drug Tariff Category M pricelist for January 2024 has been published by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) on the [**NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) website**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0cc7c6f489&e=d19e9fd41c).Based on our analysis of the Category M price list for January 2024, Community Pharmacy England estimates:* There will be an overall reduction to reimbursement of approximately £35m per quarter on like-for-like Category M lines.
* The effect of new entrants to Category M will be a reduction to reimbursement of approximately £3m per quarter.
* Therefore the overall impact of the new Category M list will be a reimbursement reduction of approximately £38m per quarter, equivalent to a reduction in AIV of around -14p per item.
* This indicative modelling uses the latest pharmacy dispensing volumes available to Community Pharmacy England as a proxy for the expected dispensing volumes in quarter Jan-Mar 24. The actual impact of the changes in the quarter will be subject to variation based on actual volumes observed.

Results from the Margin Survey of Independent Community Pharmacies up to Q1 2023/24 had indicated that there remained an over delivery of margin, and therefore in the normal course of business a reduction in the Drug Tariff would be expected. However, in discussions with DHSC, Community Pharmacy England had lobbied for no reduction in the January Drug Tariff. As well as stressing the unsustainable financial pressures already being experienced by English pharmacy businesses, making further reductions impossible to absorb, we argued that the timing of this reduction, coinciding as it does with the launch of the new Pharmacy First Service, could hamper the successful launch and uptake of this critical service. |

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| [**Read the full article**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=dfe5ee227f&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Service case study: Identification of undiagnosed hypertensionCommunity Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex worked with NHS Sussex to develop a pathway to maximise the use of the Hypertension Case-Finding Service to increase the detection rate of undiagnosed hypertension.The pathway was developed using a digital communication platform and bespoke secure messages to patients. The initiative, utilising digital tools and messaging, facilitated collaborative working at a primary care network (PCN) level between general practices and community pharmacies, by targeting specific patient cohorts to increase detection rate.This allowed alignment between the pharmacy service, cardiovascular disease prevention and Core20Plus5 population health management priorities.[Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=73c1bbc0ce&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| ****Newsletter Update: Christmas and New Year Schedule****Due to the Christmas and New Year Bank Holidays, there will be some changes to our newsletter schedule. To help pharmacy owners and their teams stay up to date during this period, we are planning to send email newsletters out on the following days:* Thursday 28th December
* Wednesday 3rd January
* Friday 5th January

After this, the regular newsletter schedule will resume, with emails sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If there is a need to share additional or urgent news over this period, then we may send out extra emails in addition to the above. We appreciate your continued support for our newsletters. As we enter 2024, we aim to keep you informed about important pharmacy news and remain committed to providing you with valuable information and guidance. |

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