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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: MPs raise concerns about pharmacy closures; Tell us about Pharmacy First preparations; GPhC and CPhO recognise impact of pressures; Changes to December submission deadline; Nutramigen® LGG Formula recall. |

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| MPs call for urgent change in Community PharmacyA collective of 20 MPs from the different political parties have signed a letter calling for urgent action to support community pharmacies.In the letter to pharmacy Minister, Dame Andrea Leadsom MP, the MPs urged the new health minister to commit to making essential changes including a fair and sustainable core funding model, effective implementation of the Pharmacy First service, and expansion into other clinical service areas.Community Pharmacy England coordinated the letter with Judith Cummins MP after hosting our recent pharmacy [winter pressures event](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5721020441&e=d19e9fd41c) in Parliament. We have also this week gained [national media coverage](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e2ae67c87f&e=d19e9fd41c) of the letter, further highlighting the pressures on pharmacies and the need for more investment and support. |

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| [**Read the full letter**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=910390708d&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| Views Sought on Pharmacy First and the Year AheadWe want to hear from pharmacy owners about preparations for the new Pharmacy First service and ongoing pressures, ahead of the next full Community Pharmacy England Committee meeting at the end of January.The meeting comes at a pivotal moment as the new national Pharmacy First service is due to launch against a backdrop of consolidations and closures across the sector. Our Committee of pharmacy owners are only too aware of the extreme challenges all pharmacies are continuing to face, and our CEO has been clear that the Pharmacy First investment is not the panacea for pharmacy's funding woes (see [Janet Morrison's End of Year Blog](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=45a8c59113&e=d19e9fd41c)). We are all beginning the year with a continued focus on improving the outlook for community pharmacy and renewed vigour to make things better for the sector.For the meeting, Pharmacy owners can directly input into the Committee's discussions via a short poll about the new Pharmacy First service and how preparations for it are going. We are also keen to hear about the outlook for 2024 and are continuing to track the financial pressures on your pharmacies. |

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| [**Read more about the poll**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ac29482e8b&e=d19e9fd41c)  |

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| GPhC and CPhO statement on pressures in pharmacyThe General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) and the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer (CPhO) for England have thanked pharmacy professionals for providing vital health services at a time when they are working under significant pressure. Their letter states that in the unlikely event that they are referred to the GPhC, the context in which they were working at the time will be taken into account.Community Pharmacy England welcomes the GPhC's statement of support and continues to encourage those who manage the pharmacy contract within NHS England and Integrated Care Systems to take a similar approach when considering issues faced by pharmacy owners during this time, as they seek to make patients their primary concern.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=856dda25c2&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Reminder: Submit your EPS claims by 5th January and FP34Cs by 6th JanuaryTo avoid any delays to payment for electronic prescriptions dispensed in December 2023, pharmacy owners are reminded to **submit the corresponding Claim Notification (CN) messages or Electronic Reimbursement Endorsement Messages (EREMs) no later than 5th January 2024**.However, with New Year's Day occurring in the FP34C submission window, pharmacy owners have **until the end of 6th January 2024 to submit their December FP34Cs** using the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal and to dispatch their prescription bundle to the relevant pricing division at the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA).[Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=29d4d363b4&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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| Recall: Nutramigen® LGG Stage 1 & 2 Hypoallergenic FormulaThe Food Standards Agency has issued a company-led medicines recall for Nutramigen® LGG Stage 1 & 2 Hypoallergenic Formula – Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare (UK) Ltd. This is a precautionary step because of the possible presence of Cronobacter sakazakii.[Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c6e3629123&e=d19e9fd41c) |

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