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The negotiations are taking place between Community Pharmacy England and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), supported by NHS England (NHSE).  They are beginning ahead of the start of the financial year, in line with the ambitions of all three negotiating partners, but later than planned due to the volume of recent urgent work ahead of the launch of the Pharmacy First service.   All negotiating partners recognise the amazing contribution that community pharmacy has made to healthcare throughout the five-year CPCF deal, including throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and most recently to launch the Pharmacy First service.  **Negotiations will remain confidential as usual, but we will update pharmacy owners on the outcomes of these negotiations as soon as we can.** | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more, including a statement from our CEO Janet Morrison**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=99e1e16347&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Oriel – Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment Scheme NHS England is reminding pharmacy owners, that you **must** register with the National Recruitment Scheme (Oriel) **by 1st March 2024 to** recruit a foundation trainee pharmacist for the 2025-26 foundation training year.  You can make sure you are registered in time by accessing [the online form and associated information](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=edaae050cb&e=d19e9fd41c).  NHS England, along with the General Pharmaceutical Council, has developed principles for the role of the Designated Supervisor that will be used from the 2025/26 training year.  [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=caeb923498&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Dispensing and Supply updates **Mounjaro® (Tirzepatide) KwikPen® – availability and reimbursement** Eli Lilly and Company Ltd has recently launched Mounjaro® (tirzepatide), a new diabetes drug which is also indicated for the treatment of weight loss. Mounjaro® comes in a KwikPen® or auto-injector pre-filled injection pen containing 2.5mg, 5mg, 7.5mg, 10mg, 12.5mg and 15mg of tirzepatide.  Currently, only the 2.5mg and 5mg strengths of the KwikPen® are available to order via AAH and Phoenix. The higher doses of Mounjaro® KwikPen® will be made available over the coming months. The KwikPen® is a multi-dose pen containing 4 doses of the specified amount.  [Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2f2d6e5a48&e=d19e9fd41c)  **Medicine Supply Notification: Epilim® (sodium valproate) syrup 200mg/5ml** The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued a medicine supply notification for Epilim® (sodium valproate) syrup 200mg/5ml. This medicine supply notification and further information has been sent to all pharmacy NHS email addresses. Pharmacy teams can also check the [Medicines Supply Tool](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=85ca590a37&e=d19e9fd41c), which provides up to date information about medicine supply issues.  [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=171361a1ff&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Our website has many answers to queries posed by pharmacy owners, their teams, and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions on the Pharmacy First service include: | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Q. What should I do if the medicine specified in the clinical pathway is not available at the time of the patient consultation?**  NHS England is currently considering the alternative options which could be offered to patients, where one of the medicines specified in the clinical pathway is not available. Those considerations will incorporate the need to avoid unnecessary use of antimicrobials in the circumstances where the treatment included in the pathway is not an antimicrobial (e.g. steroid nasal sprays).  Prior to NHS England providing further guidance on managing situations where a medicine is not available, the patient could be referred to another local pharmacy if it is likely that stock will be available elsewhere. If there is a general lack of availability of the product, the patient would need to be referred to their general practice, to be assessed and an alternative product prescribed, where clinically appropriate. | | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Further information can be found on our Pharmacy First FAQ page**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=77c067e08d&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2ec363fbe7&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1f60b058ff&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c71c4d9e70&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=54956be5a1&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=854e7681f8&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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