

Section 1 - Background

Thank you for participating in our Committee Opinion Poll.

This poll will be open to pharmacy owners from August 9th until August 26th 23:59.

* 1. Which of the options best characterises your pharmacy size?

- Independent, 1-9 pharmacies
- Multiple (non-CCA), 9+ pharmacies
- Don't know / prefer not to answer

* 2. Please enter your number of premises and their ODS codes **or** your organisation's POC code

You can find your ODS or POC code via [this link](#)

Number of premises:

(numbers only)

ODS Code:

POC Code:

(For pharmacies with
more than 1 premises)

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3. How confident are you that you will be able to meet the Pharmacy First monthly clinical pathways consultation thresholds in September and October?

- Extremely confident
- Quite confident
- Somewhat confident
- Slightly confident
- Not at all confident
- Don't know / prefer not to answer

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4. What factors do you think are responsible for you not being able to provide enough clinical pathways consultations to meet the increasing thresholds?

- Insufficient advertising of the service
- Low public awareness of the service
- Low numbers or no GP referrals
- Low numbers or no other referrals (e.g. from NHS 111)
- Gateway points in the clinical pathways are too restrictive
- Other (please specify)

- Don't know / prefer not to answer

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5. We know many pharmacies may struggle to meet the Pharmacy First monthly clinical pathways consultation thresholds as they increase over the next few months.

If your pharmacy starts to fail to pass the monthly threshold, what will you do?

- Carry on providing the service
- Carry on providing the service and work with local GP practices to encourage referrals
- Stop providing the service
- Stop providing the service and re-deploy staff time to focus on another nationally commissioned services
- Other (please specify)

- Don't know / prefer not to answer

6. GP partners/contractors in England have voted overwhelmingly to undertake collective action.

Which effects of the action are you seeing in your pharmacy?

[For more information on the BMA's proposed actions click here](#)

- Reduction in Pharmacy First electronic referrals from general practices
- More people being signposted to the pharmacy (i.e. not referred) by general practices
- Time taken to issue repeat prescriptions is longer
- Time taken to resolve queries on prescriptions is longer
- Increase in frustration about GP services being verbalised by your patients
- No effects seen so far
- Other (please list)

- Don't know / prefer not to answer



Thank You!

Thank you for sharing your views with Community Pharmacy England's Committee.

All the results will be discussed at the next Committee meeting in September.

You can see the results from the previous opinion polls in the links below:

[July 2023](#)

[September 2023](#)

[November 2023](#)

[January 2024](#)

[June 2024](#)