

## Factsheet: CP ITG update (Autumn 2024)

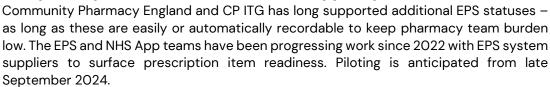
The Community Pharmacy IT Group (CP ITG) held its main quarterly meeting in September 2024 to advance its objectives. The meeting and updates covered many topics, presented below in no particular order of priority are some of the workstream and discussion updates.

### Supplier development frameworks



NHS England plans is supporting community pharmacy suppliers in transitioning to the Digital Services for Integrated Care (DSIC) Catalogue, which will promote development required for pharmacy NHS services modules. This <u>systems framework</u> is also supporting pharmacy digital developments outlined in the Primary Care Recovery plan. It has similarities with the GP IT Futures programme in which GP IT suppliers could be incentivised to make relevant changes.

### **EPS: prescription item readiness in NHS App for patients**



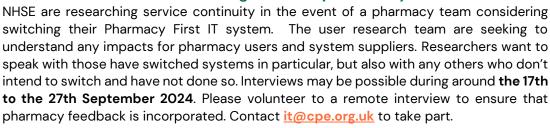
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### **Original Pack Dispensing IT**



New legislative amendments to the Human Medicines Regulations, are to **later** enable pharmacists to dispense prescriptions in a quantity greater or less than 10% of the quantity originally prescribed if this means they can dispense it in the original pack, provided the supply is otherwise in accordance with the prescription. This has IT implications for system suppliers, pharmacy team use of PMR systems, and NHSBSA preparing pricing systems ahead of 1st January 2025 – the earliest at which pharmacy teams will be able to use OPD arrangements.

#### Research: Process for switching Pharmacy First IT system





### Independent prescribing (IP)



NHS England is continuing to advance the independent pharmacy prescribing through the IP Pathfinder Programme for the sector. Pathfinder sites have been selected to implement prescribing models in three categories: existing community pharmacy services, long-term conditions, and novel services. The rollout of the CLEO SOLO system can begin and this will enable community pharmacists to generate prescriptions via the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS). To date CLEO SOLO is the sole supplier in the community pharmacy IP space.

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