



# Funding, Margin, Audit and Drug Tariff

Ahead of CPCF negotiations, economic analysis and evidence-building has been a major investment as we have worked to make the economic case for investment in community pharmacy to Government, as well as influencing the independent economic review of the sector which we insisted on in the Pharmacy First negotiations. Alongside critical negotiations, work continues on key financial assurance processes which ensure pharmacies are paid correctly and deliver over £100 million pa worth of savings to the sector.



*Below we set out some of the savings achieved for the sector in 2023/24.*

**£131 million**

worth of adjustments and corrections to margin



**Pricing Audit Team**

checks the accuracy of pharmacy level NHS payments

**1,737**

price concessions were obtained worth £221.8 million



**£2.4 million**

of savings annually from additions to the DND list

**25 products**

successfully reclassified as special containers



## Raising Pharmacy's Profile

We have elevated the sector's profile, strengthening media relationships and increasing Parliamentary influence. We have built support across think tanks, charities, and patient groups, leading to public backing for community pharmacy, including:

**Panel event**

with Minister Stephen Kinnock and think tanks at the Labour Party conference

*(In 2024)*

**11+**

letters to Ministers coordinated, including one backed by 20+ MPs and covered by national media

*(In 2023/24)*

**Our Pharmacy First**

public affairs work, with Luther Pendragon, was Highly Commended at the PRWeek Awards 2023

**30+**

MP pharmacy visits were facilitated and supported by our team

*(In 2023/24)*

45



MPs engaged with our parliamentary drop in event

(In 2024)

Over 100

MPs attended our Parliamentary events in 2023/24



100+



mentions in Parliament, including MP meetings

(In 2024)



50+



meetings or roundtables participated in at political party conferences

(In 2024)

102

national media mentions in 2023/24



## Support for LPCs and Pharmacy Owners

Community Pharmacy England provides extensive support to LPCs, including comprehensive briefings, conferences and interactive webinars, training and networking opportunities, advice, and a range of resources such as governance toolkits plus HR and finance support. For pharmacy owners there is a similar offer of news and information, interpretation and guidance, training events and resources, promotion of the sector, one-to-one advice on Drug Tariff and other matters, and more. We have not sought to quantify the value of all of this.



8,600

pharmacy owners and LPC queries (In 2023/24)



39

briefings on topics such as regulations, data security and new pharmacy services (In 2023/24)



5,300

attendees to our webinars and events (In 2023/24)



Specialist working groups for LPCs and on pharmacy IT



52

out of the 54 LPCs were represented at the 2024 Annual Conference of LPCs



Community Pharmacy Local

established in 2024 to form a unified identity among LPCs

