

June 2026 Committee Opinion Poll - Independents and Non-CCA Multiple

Section 1 - Background

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

- Independent, 1-9 pharmacies
- Multiple (non-CCA), 10+ pharmacies

\* 2. Please enter the number of premises and their ODS code(s) **or** POC code

You can find your POC code by accessing [this link](#)

Number of premises:  
(numbers only)

ODS Code(s):

POC Code:

(For pharmacies with  
more than 1  
premises)

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Section 2 - 2026/27 Contract Agreement

3. How well do you believe you understand the 2026/27 agreement?

- I fully understand it
- I mostly understand it
- I don't understand it
- I've not looked at it
- I don't know

\* 4. Does this funding settlement adequately address the financial pressures on your pharmacy business?

- Yes, fully
- Yes, somewhat
- Barely
- No, not really
- No, not at all
- Don't know

\* 5. Do you believe that the Government is listening to the needs of pharmacy?

- Yes, fully
- Yes, somewhat
- Barely
- No, not really
- No, not at all
- Don't know

6. What would your message to Government be in reaction to the 2026/27 settlement?

7. What is your main message to the Committee of Community Pharmacy England following this year's settlement?

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Section 3 - Pressures, Threats and Outlook

8. In light of the 2026/27 funding settlement, how serious do you believe the commercial threats are to your pharmacy business for the upcoming year?

- The threats are manageable
- We are managing the threats, but we don't know for how much longer we can do so
- We will struggle to survive another year
- We won't survive another year
- We won't survive another six months

9. Will the new funding settlement help you to manage your rising staffing and other costs this year?

- The funding settlement will address my increased costs
- The funding settlement will not address my increased costs, but we will be able to absorb the cost increases
- The funding settlement will not address my increased costs and we are looking at ways to reduce our costs further - this should not impact on patients
- The funding settlement will not address my increased costs and we are looking at ways to reduce our costs further - this will impact on patients
- The funding settlement will not address my increased costs and we won't be able to absorb these costs at all

10. In light of the funding settlement, do you expect to have to do any of the following in 2026?

|  | No                    | Already done          | Already done and will have to continue | Will have to do       |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Reduce staff headcount   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Reduce opening hours   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Reduce stock holding   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Reduce offering nationally commissioned services (due to lack of time/resource)      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Reduce offering Locally commissioned services  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Refinance elements of the business   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Take out emergency financing   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Invest personal savings into the business  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Subsidise the NHS business in other ways, e.g. provision of private services         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Expanding the range of appropriately funded NHS services that pharmacies can deliver | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/> |

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Section 4 - Independent Prescribing

11. The new contractual agreement includes provision for Independent Prescribing within existing national clinical services. Are you planning to implement this in your business in the next 12 months?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

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12. If Yes, Please select all the statements that are true

- I have an IP trained and ready to go in all my pharmacies
- I will train or recruit an IP ready for the opportunity
- I will launch this in all my pharmacies
- I will only launch this in some of my pharmacies

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13. If No, Please select all the statements that are true

- I do not have an IP in my business
- The fees are too low to provide the service
- I don't have the space to offer the service
- I don't have the IT equipment to be able to offer the service

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14. The prices of many generic medicines are increasing. How are these prices impacting your ability to pay wholesalers? (Please select which best applies to you)

- I am still able to pay my wholesaler bills on time, and expect to be able to pay them
- I expect to struggle to pay wholesaler bills next month
- I'm struggling to pay wholesaler bills right now
- I have already struggled to pay wholesaler bills and continue to struggle

15. Is there anything else you would like to share with us on the contract today?



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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 later this month.**

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

[February 2026](#)

[November 2025](#)

[September 2025](#)