

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

Section 1 - Background

Thank you for participating in our Committee Opinion Poll. This poll will be open to pharmacy owners until Monday 16th November at 23:59

* Which of the options best characterises your business size?

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

* Please enter the number of premises and their ODS codes or POC code

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

Number of
premises:
(numbers only)

ODS Code:

POC Code:
(For pharmacy
businesses with
more than 1
premises)

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Section 2 - Impact of funding settlement

The 2026/27 CPCF settlement secured a £340m funding uplift, providing a 6 pence increase to the Single Activity Fee, and a £200m increase to the national margin allowance alongside write-offs of historic over-delivered margin.

How would you describe the impact of increased medicines margin and Drug Tariff funding on your financial sustainability?

- ☐ Major positive impact
- ☐ Moderate positive impact
- ☐ Little or no impact
- ☐ Moderate negative impact
- ☐ Major negative impact
- ☐ Not sure

Have you had to do any of the following in recent months?

	No	No, but have done previously	Yes	Yes, and may have to do so again in coming months
Reduce staff headcount	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reduce opening hours	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reduce stock holding	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reduce offering nationally commissioned services (due to lack of time/resource)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reduce offering locally commissioned services	☐	☐	☐	☐
Refinance elements of the business	☐	☐	☐	☐
Take out emergency financing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Invest personal savings into the business	☐	☐	☐	☐
Subsidise the NHS business in other ways, e.g. provision of private services	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Section 3 - Winter Pressures

How concerned are you about your pharmacy business going into this winter?

- ☐ Very concerned – my business may not survive this winter
- ☐ Concerned
- ☐ Not very concerned
- ☐ Not at all concerned – my business is ok

How ready and resourced do you feel in terms of meeting the coming demands for the winter season?
(By resourced we are referring to your staff situation, opening hours and maintaining access)

[Please select the one option that best describes how you feel]

- ☐ Well resourced for the winter season
- ☐ Quite well resourced for the winter season
- ☐ Neither over nor under resourced
- ☐ Under resourced for the winter season
- ☐ Very under resourced for the winter season
- ☐ Don't know/prefer not to answer

What level of service do you expect to be able to offer patients this winter? (please tick all that apply)

- ☐ There should be no changes to patient service levels
- ☐ We will be offering more private services
- ☐ We will be offering a wider range of NHS services
- ☐ Patients may have to wait longer for medicines due to supply issues
- ☐ Patients may have to wait longer for vaccinations due to supply issues
- ☐ Patients may find the pharmacy busy, with queues
- ☐ We are reducing the number of NHS clinical services we can offer
- ☐ We are reducing our staffing levels

Section 4 - Pressures Tracker

Please rank from a scale from 1-10, where 1 is minimum and 10 is maximum pressure.

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Section 5 - Feedback

Do you have any further information or feedback to share with the Committee?

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

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

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

[Summer 2026](#)

[February 2026](#)

[November 2025](#)