

Welcome to the February 2021 CPWY Committee Blog!

I feel honoured to be a Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire committee member and for being asked to write my first ever blog!!

2020 was a year to both remember and forget. History has been made and 2020 will be a year of reflection for now and always. As a profession, we changed our way of thinking and our ways of working and still managed to deliver a service that was strong and efficient. We should be extremely proud of our achievements, and aim to replicate these with the launch of the new pharmacy services:

1. GP CPCS

The value that community pharmacy can add in terms of supporting our colleagues in primary care has been recognised. Through this referral pathway patients will now have an additional option to access a healthcare professional promptly for their ailments. It will also ease the pressures on our GP colleagues to allow them to focus on those with more complex needs.

NHSE&I is identifying PCNs to start implementing the GP CPCS service. It may be something that you are able to discuss with your local practice to encourage them to find out more and work with their PCN to implement. Information to support your discussions is available on the [PSNC website here](#). I look forward to the sector collaborating with local GP surgeries!

IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Pharmacy contractors have until the 31st March 2021 to complete the actions needed to claim the engagement and setup payment. CPWY is holding two events to support contractors in meeting all the engagement and setup payment requirements.

More details of the events and how to register your place can be found [here](#).

2. Discharge Medicine Service: Launching 15th February 2021

This Essential pharmacy service builds on the work that has been undertaken over recent years as part of the national Transfer of Care Around Medicines (TCAM) programme. Patients at risk from adverse effects on discharge from hospital will be able to access support via referral to their usual community pharmacy, via PharmOutcomes. I truly believe this exciting development can only be positive for our local communities, will support the NHS during these most challenging of times, and once again provide an opportunity for the profession and the sector to showcase what we can achieve. Service details and support are available on the [PSNC website here](#).

Contractors need to be ready to deliver this service from **Monday 15th February 2021**. Have you seen the CPWY bulletin on the Discharge Medicines Service [here](#)? CPWY is also hosting two events to discuss how the DMS local referral process to support you. The first event is full but there's still chance to book your place on our second DMS event! More details can be found [here](#).

Working alongside the NHS and Primary Care has been an extremely difficult time through the pandemic but once again, we have stepped-up to meet the increasing demands.

Having a true passion through the heart of our pharmacy community has got us through it and has allowed us to help our local communities and their patients. We can also see a new beginning with the arrival of 3 vaccines and the start of a mass vaccination for all our vulnerable patients and all staff members. We hope for some return to normality in the near future and a well-deserved break.

As we are in the month of St Valentine, I feel it appropriate to ask us to spread love and heartfelt support to our teams. I came across a short poem by the author, simply named Pavana. I think this is beautiful, simple and very current for what we try to achieve.

"My wounds don't feel like wounds in your hands. They feel like beginnings, like a chance to make things right again".

Look after yourselves and each other and continue to stay safe.

Daniel Beaumont

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CPWY Tribute and Thanks to West Yorkshire Community Pharmacy Teams

Community pharmacies in West Yorkshire have been working tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure patients and the public can continue to access their medicines. Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire has created this tribute and thank you for all community pharmacy teams. You are all amazing! Thank you. The tribute can be found [here](#) and on twitter [here](#).

Sign up to the PSNC mailing list to ensure you receive the weekly newsletters, alerts and updates [here](#). Sign up to our mailing list [here](#). Join [CPWY Connect](#) on the social media site Telegram and connect with pharmacy teams across West Yorkshire. Join by [clicking here](#).

Details of the CPWY Connect Zoom Events are on our website in the [training section here](#).

Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire's Role: We recognise and understand how much you and your teams are having to cope with right now. Please remember, you are not alone at this time. We're here to support you, providing advice and information on COVID-19, as well as pushing to make sure your work is properly recognised and fully supported throughout this pandemic. You are our eyes and ears - please let us know of any problems and we will do our best to help.

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