

*This document has been produced for locum pharmacists  
working within West Yorkshire.*

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You will have heard the news about the new national Pharmacy First Service (expected end of January 2024). We hope this document will support locum pharmacists to be able to provide the elements of the Pharmacy First Service, and how to start preparing now.

### Getting Ready to Provide the Service

CPE has published the [Pharmacist Checklist: Getting Going with Pharmacy First](#) which details the actions pharmacists (including locums) can start to undertake to prepare for the service. To understand the service requirements read the [service specification, clinical pathways](#), and [draft Patient Group Directions & protocol](#).

### Think About.....

#### Training

Make a training plan to ensure that when the service starts, you are competent to provide the service. Review the [CPPE self-assessment framework for Pharmacy First](#) to assess knowledge and identify any learning requirements. Have a look at the CPPE resources available on the [CPPE Pharmacy First page](#) to see if any of these would help prepare to provide the service.

**Free Clinical Examination Skills Training for Community Pharmacists (CliniSkills)** – have a look at <https://www.cliniskills.com/community-pharmacists/> to see the training offers available.

**Otoscope Training** – pharmacists providing the service will need to be competent in the use of an otoscope. CPPE is holding several face-to-face ENT Clinical Assessment skills Workshops, with more events being planned locally. Sign up to the [CPWY mailing list](#) to receive news of local events.

**CliniSkills** is delivering an online webinar for otoscope training on **Thursday 18th January, 18:00 – 19:30**. Pharmacists attending this webinar will first need to complete a gateway module AND ENT module before the webinar to get maximum benefit from the training. [Find out more and sign up here](#).

#### Equipment

You will need an otoscope to provide the service (this does not apply to distance selling pharmacies). Think about whether you would prefer to use your own otoscope or use the one at the pharmacy where you are working (all otoscopes are slightly different so some pharmacists may prefer to use their own). Think about ordering your equipment sooner rather than later as this will be required when attending any training (guidance on selecting a suitable otoscope can be found in Annex C of the [service specification](#)).

Visit the [CPE Pharmacy First webpage for further information and details of this new service](#).