

Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire: Welcome to the Team!

We are pleased to welcome our new [team member](#) **Stuart Hermiston** as **Head of Pharmacy Services**. Here's a short introduction from Stuart:

"Hi all! I would like to introduce myself as the newest member of the CPWY team. My name is Stuart Hermiston and I have joined as Head of Pharmacy Services. I am new to this type of role but have over 20 years' experience working in community pharmacy as a pharmacist, Branch Manager and Area Manager. I am hoping my "on the ground" experience can bring a new perspective to the work we are currently doing to support you all with both new and existing services.



My aim is to work more closely with you as contractors to help develop, refine and improve services and incorporate these learnings into future conversations we have with commissioners at PCN, Place and ICB level.

I am excited to be joining the CPWY team at such a time of change in pharmacy and look forward to meeting some of you at our upcoming Pharmacy First and ENT events."

Services Information

Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire has a Services Checklist to help contractors with the different services offered, where to claim and when to claim by. The Services Checklist can be found on our website [here](#).

Pharmacy First Advanced Service – 3 WEEKS TO GO!

There has been a fantastic response to Pharmacy First to date with 87% of West Yorkshire pharmacies registering to provide the service. We would however like to encourage ALL our pharmacies to sign up to deliver this service, which is well funded, and will lay the groundwork for future clinical services, establishing community pharmacy as an increasingly essential first port of call for patients within primary care. Please sign up to provide this service if you have not yet done so. **The deadline for registering for the service to receive the £2000 initial fixed payment is 11:59pm on 30 January 2024.** See [here](#).

Training

Many of you will be starting to prepare for the service including thinking about what training might be needed. CPPE has a dedicated [Pharmacy First page](#) which includes a self-assessment framework for Pharmacy First and lots of useful resources to support delivery of the service.

CPWY Pharmacy First Event: Supporting You with the National Service – Wednesday 24th January 2024 – *This event is now fully booked. Please email info@cpwy.org with your details if you are interested in attending and we will let you know if there are any cancellations. Thank you.* CPWY is holding a face-to-face event at the Holiday Inn, Brighouse to support contractors and their teams with the service and to go through how the service will operate (e.g. practicalities of providing the service).

Please see our website [here](#) for further details. event may be recorded and photographs may be taken at the event to use on social media.

CPPE ENT Clinical Assessment Skills Face-to-Face Workshops

CPWY has worked with CPPE to arrange four Pharmacy First ENT Clinical Assessment Skills Workshops for pharmacists working within the West Yorkshire area. **Three of the four workshops are now FULLY BOOKED and there are limited places left on the remaining workshop, so please book your place as soon as possible.** Details of these workshops, including the keycode which is needed to book onto an event, have been sent to your pharmacy's NHSmail address on Tuesday 9th January 2024. Any locum queries should be sent to info@cpwy.org.

Free Clinical Examination Training & Otoscope Training Webinar (18th January 2024) – see CPE news story [here](#).

Palliative Care Formulary Service – Reminder to Submit Your Quarterly Audit

If you are a pharmacy which provides the Palliative Care Formulary Service and have not yet submitted your quarterly audit return for the latest quarter, (October to December 2023), please remember to do so ASAP. The quarterly audit submission should be completed on the PharmOutcomes platform – see “Palliative Care Service (NHS England) – Quarterly Audit”. Thank you.

Bradford Supervision – Prescribing Update

New Vision Bradford has informed us that over the next coming weeks they will be starting to review all patients on Espranor with a view to switch over to generic sublingual buprenorphine tablets. Please see the letter [here](#) for details. Pharmacy teams should be aware that a longer supervision time will be needed for sublingual tablets which take longer to dissolve than Espranor (this is reflected in the difference in supervision fees for the 2 products).

Hypertension Case-Finding Service – Incentive Fees End 31st March 2024

In addition to payments for providing the service, £15 for each blood pressure check and £45 for each ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM), incentive payments are also available. These are based on ABPM activity with a one-off payment of £1000 available for pharmacies that meet the yearly target (OR £400 if the pharmacy has previously achieved the £1000 payment by meeting a previous year's target).

This is the last year that incentive payments will be available and to achieve the payment pharmacies need to have delivered 20 ABPMs between 1st April 2023 & 31st March 2024. See under funding and claiming payment [here](#) for further details.

Reminder – 24-hour ABPMs are no longer required

While 24-hour ABPM provides a fuller picture for prescribers, feedback from pharmacies and GPs is that ABPM during the waking day is better tolerated by patients and may therefore result in more patients accepting the offer. The [service specification](#) for the service was therefore updated in June with a change being the removal of the requirement for ABPM to be carried out over 24 hours, to being taken **during the patient's usual waking hours.**

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

New National Patient Safety Alert for GLP-1 RAs for the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes

A new [National Patient Safety Alert](#) (3rd January 2024) has been issued relating to the supply issues being experienced within GLP-1 RA treatments. This supersedes the previous patient safety alert.

The new alert reflects an increase in supply of Rybelsus® tablets (oral semaglutide), which is now sufficient to allow for new initiations of this medicine for people with type 2 diabetes in whom a GLP-1 RA is clinically appropriate (NICE [NG28](#)). Please note there are also new actions to be completed, including the review of people currently prescribed Byetta® and Victoza® who, due to product discontinuation and supply issues respectively, should be switched to Rybelsus®.

Please see the [National Patient Safety Alert here](#).

Leeds Winter Vaccination Outreach Clinics in January 2024

Two posters are available to use within pharmacies to signpost patients to winter vaccination outreach clinics dates for January 2024 in Leeds. See below:

[Bramley Community Hub Poster](#)

[Dewsbury Road Community Hub Poster](#)

Blood Glucose / Ketone Meters and Lancet Guidance

New West Yorkshire guidance for blood glucose / ketone meters and lancets has been approved and is available at: [Medicines information :: West Yorkshire Health & Care Partnership \(wypartnership.co.uk\)](#). The guidance is based on recent commissioning recommendations from NHSE following a national assessment of blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips and lancets ([link](#)). The recommended meters, strips and lancets have passed a rigorous evaluation process ensuring that only the best of the highest quality and, cost-effective devices are approved.

Large Text Labels

Many patients may request a larger text label to support them with taking their medication. Patients that may benefit from this, are those with visual impairments, dementia, and those with learning difficulties and disabilities just to name a few. If a patient is making a request, due to a disability all healthcare professionals must be able to offer reasonable adjustments to support patients.

Most PMR suppliers will have a feature to supply a larger version of a dispensing instructions. However, if your PMR solution doesn't have this feature you can use this website [Translabel](#) where you can create them.

Please see the article [here](#) from Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust (LYPFT) about their Bigger, Better Labels Project and how you can get involved.

Pharmacy Education Update January 2024 – North East and Yorkshire

Please find the Pharmacy Education Update for January 2024 below.

[Pharmacy Education Update for January 2024](#)

Naloxone Training From Project 6

Naloxone is a drug that can reverse the effects of opioids, such as heroin, methadone, opium, codeine, morphine, and buprenorphine. A naloxone dose can even save someone's life if it's used quickly after they've overdosed on opioids and before emergency help arrives. Medical professionals have been using naloxone in emergencies for many years. Anyone can use Naloxone in an emergency – you don't need to be a doctor or a medical professional; with some quick training, anyone can save the life of someone who has taken an overdose of opiate drugs. Please contact Rose Karambakuwa, Rose.Karambakuwa@project6.org.uk or Lisa Crossland, Lisa.Crossland@project6.org.uk if you are interested in this training.

Key News and Guidance: The Latest Updates from Community Pharmacy England

Please ensure you are regularly checking your emails for updates from Community Pharmacy England. The most up to date information can be found on their News page [here](#). Sign up to the mailing list [here](#). Community Pharmacy England also has checklist of important dates for community pharmacies regarding services and requirements. See this information [here](#).

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events**
 - **Pharmacy First Event: Supporting You with the National Service – Wednesday 24th January 2024.** [Click here](#) for more information.
- **CPWY e-Learning** – [click here](#) to see the latest Virtual Outcomes e-Learning modules available for West Yorkshire pharmacy teams to access!
- **CPPE Events** – [click here](#) to see the current workshops available to pharmacists, pre-registration pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, **from December 2023**.

CPWY Connect

[CPWY Connect](#) has been set up on the social media site Telegram with the aim of connecting pharmacy teams across West Yorkshire and we'd love you to join by [clicking here](#).