

Pharmacy First: Less Than 2 Weeks to Go! Important Information for Locum Pharmacists

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

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There is now less than 2 weeks to go before the Pharmacy First Advanced Service is launched (expected 31st January 2024). There has been a fantastic response to date with 87% of West Yorkshire pharmacies registering to provide the service. We are encouraging ALL pharmacies across West Yorkshire to sign up to deliver this service, and pharmacies that have registered to provide the service will need to ensure that locum pharmacists working at their pharmacy are able to provide all elements of the Pharmacy First Service.

Training

Many of you will already have started 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 and lots of useful resources to support delivery of the service.

Local Training & Events Across West Yorkshire

Preparing for Launch - CPWY is holding a face-to-face event on the evening of Wednesday 24th January 2024. This event will outline how the service will work and provide practical information to help you get ready for the service. More information on the event can be found here. This event is now fully booked so if you have not yet registered to attend, but are interested in attending, please email info@cpwy.org with your details and we will let you know if there are any cancellations. (Note: CPE currently has on-demand webinars that have taken place recently around the service which may be helpful to watch and can be accessed here).

Otoscope Training – pharmacists providing the service will need to be competent in the use of an otoscope (except Distance Selling Pharmacies). CPWY has worked with CPPE to arrange 4 Pharmacy First ENT Clinical Assessments Skills Workshops across the West Yorkshire area to provide an additional 240 places to the 120 places initially provided by CPPE. All these events are now fully booked. We would be interested to hear from any pharmacists who are still to access otoscope training – please complete this short survey here. Thank you.

Other Available Training

Free Clinical Examination Skills Training for Community Pharmacists (CliniSkills) – have a look <u>here</u> to see the training offers available. CliniSkills offer several modules which will help prepare for Pharmacy First.

VirtualOutcomes (free to all West Yorkshire community pharmacy teams and locum pharmacists working within the West Yorkshire area. Please use the pharmacy's ODS code that you are working in, to log into VirtualOutcomes and access the modules) – this training includes an introduction and service overview for the whole pharmacy team, and 7 separate condition modules which look at the key points for each clinical pathway. Each condition module is short to allow pharmacists to "dip" into each condition as required. See here.

Visit the CPE Pharmacy First webpage for further information and details of this new service.