

## ***Medicines Safety Information***

It has been brought to our attention that there are individuals trying to obtain large quantities of Methocarbamol through community pharmacies. This is occurring across West Yorkshire and the Greater Manchester Area. It isn't yet fully clear how all these supplies have been accessed, however we are asking all teams to be aware, it is a drug which is proving in demand and to take necessary precautions and check NCRS for emergency supplies that are being requested. Please speak to GP's where possible if you have concerns. Please report any concerns or suspicions via [wycb-kirk.medicines@nhs.net](mailto:wycb-kirk.medicines@nhs.net) or the CD reporting tool (it's not a CD, however they are happy to receive these reports due to the drug seeking nature of the 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**

Thank you to all our pharmacies who are working hard to deliver Pharmacy First for our patients. Please see the latest NHS England (NHSE) letter [here](#) which thanks pharmacy teams for their vital contribution and includes helpful information and messaging for primary care teams about the importance of collaboration and working together.

We are still receiving lots of queries and requests for information about training so please see below a summary of training that is available to access below ↓.

### **Claiming Payment**

All pharmacies providing the service should have access to the Pharmacy First IT module within their chosen clinical service IT system to allow the necessary clinical records for the service to be recorded. As per the previous Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS), consultations recorded will automatically populate a claim for payment within the NHSBSA's MYS portal, however, this will not automatically submit the claim for payment. Contractors will need to login to MYS to check that the data matches the details in their IT system and then submit the claim for payment.

### **Round-Up of Latest News & Updates**

- **CPE FAQs** – CPE has been responding to lots of questions on the Pharmacy First Service and are updating their FAQ webpage daily. This is an excellent place to start if you have any questions about the service. [Visit the Pharmacy First FAQ webpage here](#).
- **Master PGD & protocol authorisation sheet published** – just in case you missed this in last week's News Digest, NHSE has added the PGD sign-up sheet to their website [here](#).
- [GPhC issues guidance on safe service provision](#)

Visit the CPE website [here](#) for the latest news and updates.

## NHS Funded Training

There is a range of fully funded training options available for community pharmacy teams. Find out more on the Health Education England (HEE) website [here](#). This includes training for:

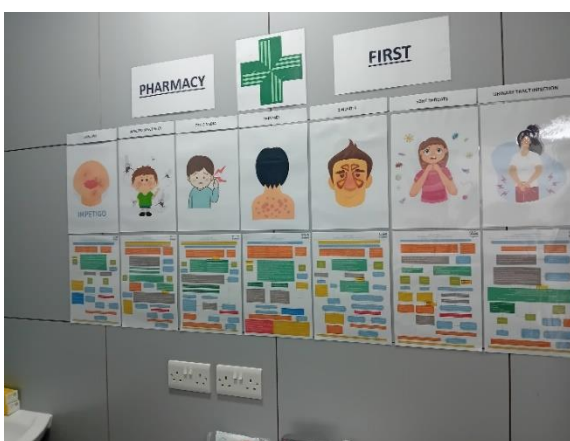
- **Community pharmacists – NEW ear & throat webinar (including otoscopes)** – Clinical examination skills modules include ENT, paediatrics, cardiology and dermatology. The ENT module includes a free ear and throat webinar which covers the use of otoscopes. A recording of this webinar is now available on the registered training area of the course website. Find out more and register [here](#).
- **Pharmacy technicians** – There are a range of courses available for pharmacy technicians including “*advancing your role*” – building on knowledge and skills to deliver effective clinical services and “*Educational Supervisor Training*” – to become an educational supervisor and help support, develop and upskill community pharmacy staff. Find out more [here](#).

Don't forget there are a range of online resources, face to face practical workshops and other training offers available to support clinical skills and knowledge development:

- CPPE has a dedicated [Pharmacy First page](#) which includes a **self-assessment framework** for the service. Completing the self-assessment identify any additional training needs and support to address these where necessary (the self-assessment form links directly to suitable learning resources). There are a lot of other helpful resources available on the CPPE [Pharmacy First page](#) (see under “*useful CPPE resources to support the delivery of Pharmacy First*”), including:-
  - **CliniSkills** – free clinical examination skills training is available for community pharmacists. See [here](#).
  - **Agilio iLearn Pharmacy First Training** – see [here](#).

## Pharmacy First – Pharmacy Display

A huge thank you to Primed Pharmacy in Bradford for sharing the following photos with us of their new Pharmacy First Service displays! A great way of promoting the service to patients and really highlighting the 7 different clinical pathways that can be used within the service!



## COVID-19 Vaccination Service

NHSE has written to pharmacies currently providing the COVID-19 Vaccination Service to ask whether they would be willing to extend the duration of their current contract to provide the service until 31st August 2024. This extension is being considered in anticipation of a potential Spring booster programme, pending guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

Pharmacies that are contracted to provide the COVID-19 Vaccination Service have been asked to inform their local commissioner by **22nd February 2024**, if they can continue offering the service. Read more [here](#).

### **Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS)**

Just a reminder that those pharmacies that signed up to provide the Pharmacy Contraception Service **before** 1st December 2023, (Tier 1; repeat supply of oral contraception), will need to “opt-in” to provide the extended PCS (i.e. initiation and repeat supply) by **29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. Any pharmacies providing the Tier 1 service who do not opt-in by that date will be automatically deregistered from the service (and they will be informed of this by the NHSBSA).

### **Discharge Medicines Service (DMS)**

Please see the February edition of the DMS newsletter, ([see here](#)), which is produced by the ICB for community pharmacy teams. This includes a reminder that DMS is not just for patients on Monitored Dosage Systems/Compliance Aids/ Dosette Boxes. **ANY** patient requiring support with their medicines on discharge may be referred for a DMS.

## ***Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire***

### **Media Stories on COVID-19 Vaccinations and Flu**

- Pharmacies to be able to offer private COVID jabs via Pharmadoctor – details [here](#).
- High rates of flu / norovirus this winter so pharmacies may continue getting requests for the flu jab – details [here](#).

### **Clinical Highlights**

Please find January’s Clinical Highlights Newsletter below from the Kirklees Medicines Optimisation Team (relevant to all in WY).

[Clinical Highlights Newsletter – January 2024](#)

### **Pharmacy Education Update February 2024 – North East and Yorkshire**

Please find the Pharmacy Education Update for February 2024 below.

[Pharmacy Education Update for February 2024](#)

### **Registration for Foundation (Pre-registration) Pharmacists Training – Do Not Miss the Recruitment Deadline**

Pharmacist training is changing significantly to meet the new standards published by the GPhC – incorporating prescribing at the point of registration. Moving forward, you will not be able to provide foundation training without recruiting via the NHSE Oriel system. Training sites **MUST** be entered into Oriel/NRS **between 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.

See more information [here](#). You must agree to terms of participation, and that you will provide access to DPP and prescribing learning environment. Please note at this point in time:

- *You do not need to identify who the DPP is and where the prescribing environment is.*
- *If a multi-sector rotation is being included, you must identify where this rotational site is.*

All training sites wishing to provide training for Foundation Trainee Pharmacists (formerly Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists), will need to be included on the [Oriol platform](#). This comes into effect for the 2025/26 training year – but the deadline for entering your programmes into Oriol is 1st March 2024.

### **New Podcast Series: ‘Surviving Crisis: Learning from Lived Experience’**

A new podcast series which has been launched this week aims to support staff working with people in mental health crisis across West Yorkshire. The five-episode series, called ‘Surviving Crisis: Learning from Lived Experience’ has been created by volunteers on West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership’s [Suicide Prevention Coproduction Project](#), who all have experience of suicidal crisis. The series uses insights from frontline health and care staff who were asked in advance to share their thoughts on what they would like discussed.

You can listen to the podcasts [online on the suicide prevention website](#). Episode one discusses questions staff might want to ask a person with experience of suicidal ideation that they feel they can’t ask in everyday work. The remaining episodes will be promoted in the weeks following the launch.

### **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** – details of upcoming event will be posted on our website.
- **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](#).