

COVID Updates

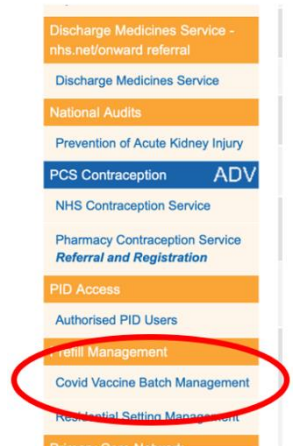
West Yorkshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Update

Please find below the latest update from the West Yorkshire COVID-19 Vaccine Programme.

[Vaccination Bulletin – 14th April 2024](#)

Recording Batch Number of Moderna Spikevax on PharmOutcomes

When recording the batch number of this vaccine on PharmOutcomes, you only need to enter the **first 7 numbers/letters with no spaces**. If you use the 'Batch Management' section on PharmOutcomes, the details will be stored on the system and populated for you, saving time when recording vaccinations.



Services Information

Pharmacy First – National Advanced Service

New Resources to Use with GPs

Community Pharmacy England (CPE) has developed resources for you to use in your conversations with GP surgeries. The resources include an animation which explains the Pharmacy First Service, and an infographic on what GPs need to know. These resources can be found [here](#).

GP Connect Update Reminder

Please be aware IT suppliers have now started the process of actively rolling out GP Connect. Further details are available on the CPE website [here](#) but please confirm with your IT supplier when you can expect it to be live in your pharmacy.

Please also remember we have prepared resources to help you with recording your consultations – these can be viewed on the CPWY website [here](#).

CPE FAQs

CPE is also regularly updating their FAQ page for the service, which may be helpful to share with your team – please see [here](#) for more details.

Headlice Leaflets – Leeds Pharmacy Access to Self-Care (ASC) Service

The ICB in Leeds has been working closely with Leeds City Council's Health Protection Team in Public Health to develop some resources for headlice which have been translated (English, Romanian and Slovak). As Hedrin is part of the Leeds ASC Service formulary, we have added them to our website for pharmacies to inform patients about headlice. The leaflets can be found [here](#).

New Eye Health Website for West Yorkshire

West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership has worked with Outlookers, a local support group for people with visual impairments, to develop My Eye Health. This new website has details of over 50 different eye conditions, treatments, self-care guidance and post-surgery advice. It includes information about accessing emergency and non-emergency eye care, local support services and eye care charities. There's also a section dedicated to children's eye health, and a professionals' section for those working in eye care in West Yorkshire. The new site can be accessed [here](#).

Reasonable Adjustments Flag – National Care Records Service (NCRS)

When checking NCRS you may start to see digital Reasonable Adjustments Flags appear on some patient records when accessing the service. This is to highlight to anyone providing care for a patient that they may have learning difficulties, be autistic or require other additional needs or support. The flags are in the process of being added to records as surgeries and other NHS organisations need to have a process in place from April 2024. Currently, most community pharmacy colleagues with NCRS access will only be able to view the flag and its contents, but it is important to be aware of it when providing care to a patient. Further information on Reasonable Adjustment Flags is available on the NHS Digital Website [here](#).

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire Pre-Committee Meeting Survey

Our next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2024. We encourage all pharmacy contactors to give us feedback on your current priority areas, issues and challenges so that we can consider these within our meeting. To provide feedback please complete our short survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HJPHGP8>.

Alternatively, if pharmacy contractors have any items they wish to raise for discussion at committee, please let us know by emailing info@cpwy.org. Details of the committee, including minutes from previous meetings, accounts and constitution can be found on our website, www.cpwy.org, under the 'About Us' tab (on the far right).

Observers are welcome to attend the open session of these meetings. If you would like to attend this meeting, please email info@cpwy.org.

Community Pharmacy England (CPE) Briefing Event: Critical Pressures and the Future

CPE has opened their registrations for a national online event that will be held on **Tuesday 7th May from 7pm-8.30pm**.

The pressures facing all pharmacy businesses are extreme, and this event will be a chance to hear about the work Community Pharmacy England is doing to find solutions, and to ask questions of committee members and the Chief Executive. This event is part of the ongoing efforts to engage more meaningfully with everyone in the sector. See more details about the event and register your place [here](#).

Prescription Charge Increase Posters

Community Pharmacy England has produced posters to support community pharmacies in displaying the new prescription charge effective from 1st May 2024. Download the posters and view related resources [here](#).

NHSBSA Publish an Example of the New Payment Schedule

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has now published an example of the new look payment schedule / eSchedule on their [website](#). The upcoming payment schedule, which is due to be received on the 23rd April 2024 for the February 2024 dispensing month, will include several improvements such as a breakdown of Pharmacy First payments and reimbursement figures split into generics, brands, and appliances. Read more [here](#).

Key Prescribing Messages for Calderdale

The Calderdale Medicines Management team will be sending out information to all Calderdale pharmacies regarding local changes to prescribing. Please check your stock levels of the affected medicines and adjust accordingly. The documents can be found below.

[Calderdale Letter](#)

[Key Prescribing Messages Document](#)

New NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) Reference Group

NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service is setting up a reference group for primary care and community pharmacy. This will be a multi-organisational pharmacy-professional expert group providing opinion and support to assist the development and maintenance of NHS SPS primary care and community pharmacy related resources to ensure they meet the needs of the users. Members will support the development of resources by:

- 1. Providing intelligence in their area of practice to local and national priorities and how that fits the landscape across the NHS.*
- 2. Providing support and advice as requested to proposals for considered work programmes that SPS may wish to explore and suggest priorities in line with local and national needs.*

Expressions of interest are welcome from pharmacy technicians and pharmacists. If you are interested in being part this group and completing an application, please contact Rakhi Aggarwal via Rakhi.aggarwal@nhs.net. All applications will need to be submitted by Friday 29th April 2024.

Pharmacy Education Update April 2024- North East and Yorkshire

Please find the Pharmacy Education Update for April 2024 below.

[Pharmacy Education Update for April 2024](#)

Latest Updates from CPE

CPE has a checklist of important dates for community pharmacies regarding services and requirements. See this information [here](#).

Please ensure you are regularly checking your emails for updates from CPE. The most up to date information can be found on their News page [here](#). Sign up to the mailing list [here](#).

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events** – details of upcoming events 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 March 2024**.

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](#).