

Services Information

NHS Flu Vaccination Service Starts Next Week

The NHS Flu Vaccination Service commences for eligible adults next week, (from Thursday 3rd October 2024), and we would like to wish contractors providing this service a very successful campaign.

Important Reminders

Contractors are reminded that they must ensure the correct flu vaccines are being used for each patient cohort as confirmed in the [annual flu letter for the 24/25 season](#) and that this is recorded accurately in the patient's clinical record. Second line vaccines should ONLY be considered when every attempt to use first line recommended vaccines has been exhausted (evidence of this may be requested by NHS England before reimbursement is agreed). This [poster](#) summarises the recommended vaccines for each eligible group and may be helpful for pharmacy teams.

Please take care to prevent data input errors and when recording vaccination, choose carefully from the vaccine "pick list" as this defaults to alphabetical order regardless of eligibility criteria.

PharmOutcomes Must be Used to Record Flu Vaccinations

PharmOutcomes has been commissioned by the NEY Regional NHSE team for the NHS Flu Vaccination Service 2024/25 and must be used to maintain the clinical records for the service.

Action for Pharmacy Owners – PharmOutcomes

NHS England has sent a further cascade message regarding post-event messages on PharmOutcomes for distribution to all pharmacies. The new cascade message highlights the actions that pharmacy owners who use or have used PharmOutcomes, in the past must take if they have a queue of notification emails within PharmOutcomes for clinical services provided by the pharmacy.

NHS England is asking pharmacy owners to **complete these actions by 30th September 2024**. If unable to do so, please inform wycb.pharmacy@nhs.net. No action is required if you haven't used PharmOutcomes or if there is no queue of emails. Details can be found [here](#).

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

National Penicillin Allergy Day

September 28th marks National Penicillin Allergy Day, a reminder of the importance of accurate allergy documentation. Many people mistakenly believe they have a penicillin allergy, which can limit treatment options and lead to the use of less effective antibiotics. The ICB encourages patients to verify their penicillin allergy status with their healthcare provider, as removing incorrect allergies can improve future care and reduce the risk of antimicrobial resistance.

NHS England Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme

This programme will support Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians (PTPTs) to be employed and complete their full 24-month apprenticeship training within a **community pharmacy setting**. Upon completion of training and registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) this will support community pharmacy to utilise the expertise and knowledge of registered pharmacy technicians as part of pharmacy services and wider reform.

Funding Offer – NHSE is offering a training contribution of **£15,053 per trainee, per year for two years** (24 months) to support community pharmacies in developing a PTPT programme that meets the [GPhC IET standards for pharmacy technicians](#) and the [NHS England Education Quality Framework](#).

Next Steps – Application for funding is through expression of interest submitted via an [online application form](#). The application window opened on Monday 23rd September 2024 and will close Sunday 13th October 2024. Please see the Guidance for Contractors document [here](#).

Webinar – NHSE will be holding a webinar via MS Teams to provide more information on the programme including the application process and how to access apprenticeship funding. This will be repeated so you only need to attend once.

- *Friday 27th September 2024 at 11am – [Click here](#)*
- *Sunday 29th September 2024 at 2pm – [Click here](#)*
- *Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 1pm – [Click here](#)*
- *Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 7pm – [Click here](#)*

If you have any questions, please email england.wtepharmacy.ney@nhs.net with Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme in the subject field.

Equality Act and Multi-compartmental Compliance Aids (MCA) – e-Learning

VirtualOutcomes has released a new e-Learning module on the Equality Act and Multi-compartmental Compliance Aids (MCA).

Here at CPWY, we frequently get asked questions about MCAs, as contractors are looking to make efficiency savings in the pharmacy operations whilst we face such challenging financial times.

This 18-minute e-Learning training by VirtualOutcomes is brilliant and is worth all teams paying attention to. It will support you to consider all aspects of the MCA side of your pharmacy and recommends alternative solutions to support patients when appropriate.

We would recommend watching this, so you have a full understanding of the Equality Act prior to reviewing new and current patients for this service so you are fully informed of all the options and requirements. Our website holds some additional information [here](#) which you may find of use on this topic.

More information can be found in the flyer [here](#) or on the Virtual Outcomes website [here](#).

Pharmacy Education Update Briefing – September 2024

The North East and Yorkshire School of Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation has just released their Pharmacy Education Update Briefing for September. Please see the briefing [here](#).

West Yorkshire Pharmacy Research Network

This is a new group bringing together all pharmacy professionals working in all sectors across West Yorkshire with a curiosity about pharmacy research. No experience of research is necessary to join. This group is intended to provide peer support and be a comfortable space to connect with others.

Please see the flyer [here](#) for more details. If you wish to join the network and receive meeting invites, email hadeel.mohamed@nhs.net

The first meeting is planned for **Tuesday 5th November 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 and resources available to pharmacists, pre-registration pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, **from September 2024**. The list of workshop until December 2024 can be found [here](#).

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](#).