

International Pharmacy Technician Day 2024

Tuesday 15th October 2024 is International Pharmacy Technician Day! A day to recognise the hard work of all pharmacy technicians and to showcase their important role in the pharmacy team. Get involved and be part of the campaign [here](#).

CPWY would like to say a huge thank you to all of our pharmacy technicians who work tirelessly and are an integral part of the team!



Services Information

Palliative Care Formulary Service – Service Extended and Reminder to Submit Quarterly Audit

Pharmacies providing the Palliative Care Formulary Service have been sent an email from the service commissioner confirming that the service is being extended for a further 6 months, until 31st March 2025. There have been no changes made to the service and pharmacies providing the service should continue to submit their quarterly audits (the next one for the latest quarter, July to September 2024 is now due).

Additional Pharmacies Still Required in Bradford to Provide an NRT Supply Service (Stop Smoking Level 1)

The Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) Supply Service (often referred to as a Level 1 Service), enables pharmacies to supply NRT to a client who has been issued a voucher by a Stop Smoking Advisor. Bradford Council's Living Well Service is looking to recruit additional pharmacies to deliver this service and would love to hear from any interested pharmacies. They are particularly keen to hear from pharmacies in the following areas:

- *Addingham*
- *Bingley*
- *Crossflatts*
- *Haworth*
- *Keighley*
- *Silsden*
- *Steeton*

Please see [here](#) for a brief overview of how the service works and for details of how to sign up. For further information, or if you are interested in signing up, please contact Tom Dickson: Tom.Dickson@bradford.gov.uk.

The Living Well Stop Smoking Service in Bradford Referral & Signposting Information

In Bradford there are around 66,000 adults who smoke, (15.6%), which is higher than the national average. Smoking is a key driver of health inequalities and is responsible for half of the difference in healthy life expectancy between the least and most deprived areas. Bradford Council wants to provide as many opportunities as possible for smokers to make a quit attempt and are aiming to increase the numbers of smokers contacting their Stop Smoking Service by nearly 300% over the next couple of years. Community pharmacy teams have always been a key part of local efforts to support people to stop smoking and the Council is encouraging pharmacies to refer smokers (where consent is given) or signpost them to the Living Well Stop Smoking Service (if the pharmacy does not provide the Stop Smoking Level 2 Service).

To refer a smoker to the service, pharmacies can use this [referral form](#) or call 01274 437700. Patients can also be signposted [here](#). Alternatively, you could signpost to a pharmacy that provides the Level 2 Service. To find out the nearest pharmacy providing this service see [here](#).

Don't forget – this month is Stoptober! A great opportunity to take part in the campaign by referring and signposting patients into one of the Stop Smoking services!

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

World Mental Health Day 2024

Today is World Mental Health Day! A great opportunity to raise awareness of mental health and a chance to talk about it, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling.

This year's theme is around Mental Health at Work. A guide can be downloaded [here](#) on how to support both your mental health and your colleague's mental health at work. Take a look at the Wellbeing page on our website [here](#) for resources for those working in West Yorkshire.



CPWY Pre-Committee Meeting Survey

Our next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2024. If you wish to put something forward to be raised at our meeting, please complete the short survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/UJLnPZQvuf>. Details of the committee, including minutes from previous meetings, accounts and constitution can be found on our website, www.cpw.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.

Patient Information Leaflets for Scabies

We have heard anecdotally that some pharmacies are seeing an increase in the number of patients presenting with Scabies. Just a reminder that there are some patient information leaflets available which explain how to correctly apply the treatment and how to reduce onward transmission. These were developed by Leeds City Council last year and are available in English, Czech and Romanian.

The leaflets can be downloaded from the CPWY website [here](#) (under resources). Leeds pharmacies are able to order hard copies of the leaflet from the Public Health Resource Centre in Leeds. Please email info@cpwy.org if you require hard copies (Leeds pharmacies only).

Community Ambulatory Paediatric Service (CAPS) in Leeds

This service is starting on 21st October 2024 at Harehills Community Centre Leeds. CAPS last year was run from St Georges WIC and has been re commissioned to support and reduce children's need for hospital admission for respiratory illness. The service will run Sunday-Friday with a maximum of 224 appointments a week, covering respiratory and ENT conditions.

We want to make pharmacies local to this area in Leeds aware of this service, as there may be an increase of prescription requests for medication relating to these conditions depending on patients' preference and would likely be sent EPS by a GP or Advanced Practitioner. If you have any queries, please contact confed.ea@nhs.net.

Pharmacy Education Update October 2024 – North East and Yorkshire

Please find the Pharmacy Education Update for October 2024 below.

[Pharmacy Education Update for October 2024](#)

Breast Cancer Awareness Month – ‘Want To Know More About...Breast Cancer’ Webinar

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! There is an upcoming ‘Want To Know More About...Breast Cancer’ webinar on Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 10 – 11am. The webinar is suitable for anyone working or volunteering within organisations supporting individuals with their health and wellbeing including health, social care and the third sector, or anyone interested or involved in promoting community wellbeing in any capacity. To reserve a free spot on this webinar [here](#).

Visit the Leeds Public Health Training webpage [here](#) for a list of different ‘Want To Know More About...’ webinars that you might find useful.

Theramex Webinar Event

Theramex has launched a series of lunch and learn webinar meetings to run throughout the year. Their upcoming webinar is ‘**Just another urinary infection? Managing urinary symptoms around menopause – a case study approach**’. The webinar is taking place on Wednesday 23rd October 2024 at 1pm. More information about the webinar can be found in the flyer [here](#). If you would like to attend, please email hanwant.benawra@theramex.com.

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](#).