

## Sharing Success!

### West Yorkshire Primary Care Workforce Summit

CPWY recently attended the West Yorkshire Primary Care Workforce Summit to present and talk about community pharmacy integration to showcase the role pharmacy plays in supporting the Primary Care Access and Recovery Plan.



We received feedback from practice staff around the Pharmacy First Service, Pharmacy Contraception Service and Hypertension Case-Finding Service. The CPWY team also carried out BP checks on attendees, including a BP check on the Associate Director of Primary Care, Kathryn Giles, who has kindly written a testimonial about receiving a BP check and receiving a high result! See our Sharing Success story below.

[Sharing Success – West Yorkshire Primary Care Workforce Summit](#)

## Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PCS) 2025/26

### Reminder! Aspiration Payment Claim Window is Open!

The Aspiration Payment claim window **will close at 11.59pm on 16th May 2025**. We encourage all pharmacy owners to take advantage of this funding opportunity and ensure they are prepared to submit their aspiration payment claim within the specified timeframe. See our CPWY PQS webpage [here](#).

## Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

### Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week is running from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**, on the theme of 'Community'. **Please get involved to help raise awareness of the campaign!** On the [Campaign Resource Centre](#) there is a wealth of Every Mind Matters resources to help you support and amplify the campaign (and support you and your colleagues) including assets for use on social media, posters, web banners and infographics.



Signpost to the range of free, NHS-evidenced support available through [the Every Mind Matters website](#).

**For pharmacies in Bradford District and Craven**, the Healthy Minds website is the first step to finding mental health support in this area. The website lists around 300 local services and activities, from helplines and counselling to crafting and walking groups. There is information and advice from the charity, Bradford District and Craven Mind, the NHS, and a support finder search tool helps people find the services that are right for them. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Ali-Marie McAllister, Healthy Minds Engagement Officer in Bradford, is happy to help / meet with pharmacies to walk-through the website to demonstrate some of the services available. This offer is helpful for those in the pharmacy who are the most patient facing, so they can signpost someone to the right service when needed! If you are interested, please email Ali at [Ali-Marie@mindinbradford.org.uk](mailto:Ali-Marie@mindinbradford.org.uk).

## **Discontinuation of Promixin**

You may be aware of the recent communication regarding the discontinuation of Promixin nebulised [NatPSA/2025/001/DHSC (Discontinuation Of Promixin (Colistimethate) 1-Million Unit Powder For Nebuliser Solution Unit Dose Vials)]. The alternative recommended Colicym powder for nebuliser solution is not available to be ordered within primary care. This will impact patients with cystic fibrosis and their ability to use the iNeb nebuliser device.

The adult cystic team at Leeds Teaching Hospitals is contacting patients and taking an individual approach to look at alternatives to Promixin and nebulised delivery systems. If you are unable to obtain a supply of Promixin for a patient, please refer the patient back to the Cystic Fibrosis Unit on 0113 2069106 for patients who use the Leeds team. For patients who use Hull or York, please ask them to ring their unit as they will know the details and be in regular contact with them. Most patients will have already been contacted and are aware of this upcoming change.

## **Thickener Prescribing Guidance in Primary Care**

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust is currently transitioning onto Resource ThickenUp Clear (Nestle) as their first line thickener. It's already used in the Bradford area and this change ensures one consistent thickener is used across Bradford District and Craven. The new guidelines to support the prescription of this first line thickener in primary care can be found [here](#).

## **NHS App Support in O2 Stores – Pilot**

A pilot is taking place where O2 shops in key shopping locations are being trained to support people to onboard and utilise the NHS App. GP practices located close by are being asked to send text messages to their patients to alert them to the support available from O2. If successful, this could be rolled out to more O2 shops across the region. The initial O2 shop locations taking part will be in the following shopping centres:

- *Arndale, LS6 2UE*
- *Crossgates, LS15 8ET*
- *Trinity, LS1 5AE*
- *White Rose Centre, LS11 8LL*

## Pharmacy Services Assistant – Level 2 Apprenticeship – Calderdale

Calderdale College is expanding its apprenticeship provision for September 2025 to include the **Pharmacy Services Assistant – Level 2 Apprenticeship**, delivered at the main campus in Halifax.

They would love to hear from employers who might be interested in this apprenticeship programme to understand your preferred delivery model, whether that's day release, block release, or another option to ensure they get the programme structure right. They'd be happy to arrange a meeting at a time that works best for you to discuss your specific needs and how this apprenticeship can support your business.

As part of their ongoing commitment to supporting employers, they also offer a free, end-to-end recruitment service. This includes advertising your vacancy and managing the application process to help you find the ideal apprentice for your team.

If you'd like to register your interest in this programme or learn more about other apprenticeships and available funding, please email [apprenticeships@calderdale.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@calderdale.ac.uk), or call 01422 418 430.

## 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** – The next set of online workshops are now live for booking. See the documents below for further details on workshops and resources:
  - [CPPE Workshops – March to July 2025](#)
  - [CPPE Resources – April 2025](#)

## CPWY Connect – Telegram Group

Our CPWY Connect Telegram group is a messaging group created to connect and support pharmacy teams across West Yorkshire.

