

Sharing Success!

Sharing Success – Five Lane Ends PCN Engagement Event

In May, CPWY participated in the Five Lane Ends PCN Engagement Event. The event saw around 80 attendees from the four PCN practices in the area and was a really successful opportunity to establish relationships with GPs! More details of how the event went can be found below!

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Services Information

LFD Service Changes – Eligibility Criteria Reduced

Following changes in NICE guidance on antiviral treatment for COVID, the following patient cohorts are **no longer eligible** to receive free LFD tests through the service:

- People aged 85 years and over
- People with end-stage heart failure who have a long-term ventricular assistance device
- People on the organ transplant waiting list
- People resident in a care home who are aged 70 years and over
- People resident in a care home who have a BMI of 35 kg/m² or more
- People resident in a care home who have diabetes
- People resident in a care home who have heart failure
- People currently in a hospital who are aged 70 years and over
- People currently in a hospital who have a BMI of 35 kg/m² or more
- People currently in a hospital who have diabetes
- People currently in a hospital who have heart failure

Pharmacy owners are asked to brief their teams on the changes, update their SOP for the service and stop supplying LFD tests to the above patient groups by Monday 16th June 2025. See CPE news story [here](#) for further information. CPE has also updated their [LFD service factsheet](#) to reflect these changes.

Pharmacy First – Action Required!

FAQs on Clinical Pathway Caps – New monthly caps on clinical pathway consultations were introduced from April 2025 and these are now updated each month. CPE has published new FAQs to address some of the queries commonly asked including how contractors can increase their monthly cap – see [here](#).

Clinical Pathway Threshold Payments – Don't forget, a new banded approach will be introduced for the monthly fixed Pharmacy First payments **from 1st June 2025**:

- £500 for those providing 20–29 clinical pathways consultations within a month.
- £1000 for those pharmacies that provide 30 or more clinical pathways consultations within a month.

As well as meeting the targets above, to be eligible for payment contractors are required to have registered to provide the Hypertension Case-Finding Service (HCF) and Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS). (Note: requirement to provide the HCF is not applicable to Distance Selling Pharmacies).

Action required before 1st June 2025 – if your pharmacy has not yet registered to provide the HCF and the PCS, please register via MYS to continue to be eligible to receive the fixed monthly Pharmacy First payments (requirement to register for the HCF is not applicable to DSPs).



Hypertension Case-Finding Service – A Focus on ABPMs

Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) is the clinically preferred method for diagnosing hypertension. If your pharmacy provides the Hypertension Case-Finding Service and a patient's reading indicates a need for ABPM, this should be offered in a timely manner, ideally within a few days of the initial clinic measurement. Pharmacies should ensure that they have a process in place to be able to manage provision in any periods where an ABPM is not going to be available, e.g. more than one patient with high blood pressure has been identified in the course of a day or a week, during periods where the ABPM device is temporarily unavailable due to it being with another patient, or during periods of equipment calibration or repair. The availability of more than one ABPM may be a good option for some.

To encourage delivery of ABPM, the fee has been recently increased to £50.85. Additionally, from 1st October 2025, as part of "bundling" requirements for the monthly Pharmacy First payment, pharmacies will be required to **deliver at least one ABPM provision per month** (read more about bundling [here](#)).

Calibration of monitors should be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. We have heard anecdotally of instances where it has taken 6–8 weeks for machines to be returned after they have been sent for servicing and calibration. For pharmacies who only have one ABPM device, this is clearly an issue, particularly for when the monthly APBM service threshold is introduced from October. Pharmacies with only one ABPM device may want to explore whether loan machines will be available when the purchased device is returned to the supplier for recalibration and servicing.

Available discount for West Yorkshire contractors – EMT Healthcare has informed us that they will offer a 5% discount on their Hingmed ABPM machines (product code WBPO2A). To take up this offer please email lauren@emthealthcare.co.uk giving the code HING569. *Please note; this does not mean that CPWY endorse or support the use of this monitor. We are simply sharing details of a discount available to our contractors.* As a reminder, ABPMs used in the service must be validated by the British and Irish Hypertension Society (BIHS). Before a decision is made about the purchase or rental of equipment, there are several considerations to think about – see the CPE webpage [here](#) for further details.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

Late May 2025 Bank Holiday Pharmacy Opening Times v3

The Late May 2025 Bank Holiday pharmacy opening times which we have received from the West Yorkshire ICB can be found [here](#).

Important: To ensure your Directory of Services (DoS) profile and NHS.uk website profile reflect your opening hours over the upcoming Bank Holiday please update the NHS Profile Manager. The ICB has asked that pharmacies display the Bank Holiday Opening Times poster in the window, or somewhere that it can be viewed, to signpost patients / public to the nearest open pharmacy during the Bank Holiday period.

Late May 2025 Bank Holiday Leaflet for Patients on Methadone and Subutex

A leaflet has been produced [here](#) which you may wish to use to help inform patients who pick up regular instalments for methadone and Subutex of your opening hours over the Bank Holiday period.

Reminder: Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) Consultations

The draft PNAs for Bradford, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield are now published for consultation.

- Bradford – [click here](#). The consultation period will conclude on **30th May 2025**.
- Calderdale – **the draft PNA will be published for consultation in June 2025**.
- Kirklees – [click here](#). The consultation period will conclude on **30th May 2025**.
- Leeds: [click here](#). The consultation period will conclude on **27th May 2025**.
- Wakefield – [click here](#). The consultation period will conclude on **31st May 2025**.

Funding for Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme 2025

NHS England has announced the launch of the Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme 2025 which will support Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians (PTPTs) to complete a 24-month apprenticeship training within a **community pharmacy setting**. A financial training contribution of £15,053 per year for 2 years for each trainee is being offered. Please see [here](#) for further information and guidance.

Application for funding is through an expression of interest submitted via an [online application form](#). **This closes on Sunday 15th June 2025**. A series of **national stakeholder engagement meetings** are being held via MS Teams to provide more information on the programme including the application process and how to access apprenticeship funding (use the links below to attend one of these dates):

- [Wednesday 28th May 2025 – 11am](#)
- [Thursday 29th May 2025 – 8am](#)
- [Monday 2nd June 2025 – 1pm](#)
- [Sunday 8th June 2025 – 1pm](#)
- [Tuesday 10th June 2025 – 12pm](#)

Greener Pharmacy Toolkit Now Available

Commissioned by NHS England and supported by the Greener NHS programme, the [Royal Pharmaceutical Society Greener Pharmacy Toolkit](#) is available for use by pharmacy teams across the country. This digital assessment tool helps teams take practical action to reduce the environmental impact of pharmacy services, pharmaceutical care and medicines, while supporting patient care. The toolkit is easy to use and provides prompts for more sustainable practices to reduce emissions, improve patient care, prevent ill health, tackle medicines waste and achieve efficiency savings. [Register for a webinar](#) on 29th May 2025 at 7pm to find out more about the toolkit.

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.

