

Pharmacy First referrals for a clinical pathway or a minor illness can be sent to your pharmacy by NHSmail! Please check your NHSmail inbox regularly and make sure at least 2 members of staff can access the account. [Click here](#) for more information.

Terms of Service Reminder – CPAF Questionnaire

There is just one week left to complete the 2025/26 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire!. The deadline is 11.59pm on Thursday 31st July 2025. See more information [here](#). **This is a mandatory requirement and pharmacy owners must complete the screening questionnaire and, if required, the full CPAF questionnaire.**

Meet Our Committee Member – Paul Mason

This week, we are continuing our series from last year where CPWY introduces you to the members of our committee. **This week's introduction is by our newly appointed committee member, Paul Mason.** Paul has written a short piece about his background and experience in pharmacy and LPCs



Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26

Gateway Criterion – Act by 31st August 2025!



Pharmacies must be signed up for both the Pharmacy First and Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) by 31 August 2025 and stay registered until 31 March 2026 to meet the PQS gateway criterion.

No declaration is needed — **NHSBSA will verify post-payment.** Pharmacies that de-register during the scheme period will not qualify, and payments may be recovered. New openings or ownership changes (new ODS code) between 1st Sept – 31st Dec 2025 must register for both services within two weeks to be eligible. Those from 1st Jan 2026 onwards will not qualify.

Services Information

Quick Dose: Knowledge Capsule – Pharmacy First Claims: Are You Missing Out?

Our 'Quick Dose: Knowledge Capsule' items are designed to deliver key pharmacy insights in clear, bite-sized formats for fast learning. This one focuses on the Pharmacy First claims.



Please see this short, 5-minute, video produced by Amanda and Emma, two of our Advanced Service Facilitators, talking about the different types of Pharmacy First referrals, which referrals you can claim for and some real life examples CPWY has recently come across. See more about the Pharmacy First Service on our website [here](#).

Pharmacy First – Consultations Provided in June Must be Claimed by 31st July 2025

A reminder that the claim period for Pharmacy First has been reduced to one month and therefore claims for consultations provided in June 2025 must be submitted via the MYS portal by 11:59pm on 31st July 2025.

NHS Flu Vaccination Service – Service Specification for 2025/26 Now Published

See CPE news story [here](#). There have been a few changes from last year including that **there is now a requirement to seek permission from the commissioner prior to undertaking vaccination off the pharmacy premises**. If you will be providing the flu vaccination service this season please ensure that you read through the [service specification](#) to familiarise yourself with the changes. The service fee for 2025/26 has not yet been confirmed. The PGD and national protocol are expected to be published shortly.

Flu Vaccines for 2025/26 – A Reminder – Contractors are reminded that **first line** vaccines should be given. See [Annex B in the service specification](#) (page 18) for details of recommended vaccines.

Webinars to Help Choose a Flu / COVID IT Supplier – Pharmacies participating in the autumn / winter COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Campaigns need to select a Point of Care (PoC) IT supplier. To support this, you are **invited to register for webinars over the next two months** where suppliers will explain their systems. Please register via the links below:

- 28th July, 3pm – 3:45pm – [Positive Solutions Webinar](#)
- 29th July, 3pm – 3:45pm – [Cegedim Webinar](#)
- 30th July, 3pm – 3:45pm – [Sonar Webinar](#)
- 31st July, 3pm – 3:45pm – [Optum Webinar](#)
- 1st Aug, 3pm – 3:45pm – [RAVs Webinar](#)

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

CPWY Strategic Plan 2025 – 2027

We're thrilled to unveil the Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire Strategic Plan for 2025–2027 below.

[CPWY Strategy 2025–27](#)



Building on the NHS 10-Year Plan and the newly published Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework, this strategy sets out how we, the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) for West Yorkshire, will empower and support every community pharmacy in the area to fulfil its potential as a vital neighbourhood health hub.

Over the next three years, our approach balances transformation whilst maintaining the dedication to the fundamentals. Under our “Back to Basics” pillar, we will strengthen core dispensing, medicines safety, and essential services, ensuring reliability and excellence across our network. Simultaneously, we’ll drive pharmacy’s evolving clinical role by championing services like Pharmacy First, Pharmacy Contraception Service, Hypertension Case-Finding Service, and independent prescribing. We’ll continue with partnerships and collaboration with GPs, Integrated Care Systems, local authorities, and other stakeholders to embed community pharmacy at the heart of neighbourhood health planning.

This plan is more than a roadmap — it’s a call to action. Together, we will navigate funding challenges, unlock new service opportunities, and amplify the voice of community pharmacy in West Yorkshire.

We invite every contractor, team member, and partner to engage with these strategic priorities, share insights, and co-create solutions that elevate patient care. Let’s seize this moment to reinforce what we do best and pioneer the future of community pharmacy. Stronger, smarter, and more connected than ever.

Novo Nordisk PenCycle Scheme

Community pharmacies can sign up to the free PenCycle scheme through Alliance Healthcare.

This scheme encourages patients to recycle any Novo Nordisk pre-filled insulin or weight-management pens and stop them going to landfill. Patients are usually very keen to help the environment by recycling their used plastic pens and this is a great way to help them do that!

Find out more about PenCycle [here](#). Also take a look at our website [here](#) for information about this scheme and others that are available for medicines waste.

Leeds Integrated Care Board’s (ICB) Medicines Optimisation Team Update

The Leeds Integrated Care Board’s (ICB) Medicines Optimisation Team is continuing their cost saving work this year. During 2025–26 you may see an increase in some alternative items being prescribed, rather than what is currently the standard. The following workstreams are designed to save Leeds up to £6.8 million on its prescribing budget this year. When you see these new products/brands come through on a prescription, they would kindly ask that your patients are counselled appropriately and supported with any queries. If you need to contact the ICB with any queries about the workstreams, please email via: wycb-leeds.prescribingteam@nhs.net.

Please refer any clinical issues to the prescriber. The following list details the main workstreams:

- *Edoxaban to Apixaban (generic prescribing)*
- *Fostair MDI to most cost effective MDI (Proxor or Luforbec– only for those who cannot use a DPI)*
- *Gaviscon Advanced to Acidex Advanced*
- *Vagifem to Vagirux*
- *Topirimate capsules to tablets*
- *Keppra tablets to generic prescribing*
- *Rosuvastatin capsules to tablets*
- *Blood glucose test strips – we are looking for a reduction in the prescribing of the higher cost brands, more detail regarding 1st line choices can be found [here](#).*

Local stock checks are happening continually as the work is being done, to ensure that the medication is available to the patient.

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events** – details of upcoming events will be posted on our website [here](#).
- **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 – May 2025](#)

CPWY Connect – Telegram Group

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

