

Back to Basics: Understanding Pharmacy Finance Event
Tuesday 9th September 2025 at Cedar Court, Huddersfield

This event will strip down pharmacy finance back to the basics to help you identify where your pharmacy may be missing out on money. See the details and agenda [here](#). Registration is required!

[Book your place here](#)



Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26

Final Reminder: PQS 2025/26 Gateway Registration Deadline – 31st August 2025

Time is running out to meet the PQS 2025/26 gateway criterion. Pharmacy owners must be signed up for **both the Pharmacy First and Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS)** by **Saturday, 31 August 2025, and remain registered until 31 March 2026.**

No declaration is required—NHSBSA will verify registration post-payment. If you miss the deadline or de-register during the scheme, and you won't be eligible for PQS payments!

New pharmacy openings or ownership changes? Those occurring between 1st September and 31st December 2025 must register for both services within two weeks to qualify.

Don't let this opportunity pass — check your registration status today via MYS.

Services Information

Quick Dose: Knowledge Capsule – Podcast (Episode 3) – Pharmacy First Impetigo Pathway

Our 'Quick Dose: Knowledge Capsule' items are designed to deliver key pharmacy insights in clear, bite-sized formats for fast learning.

This episode is the third in our podcast series looking at the **Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways** – this episode focuses on the **Impetigo pathway**. In our Pharmacy First podcast series, we are joined by Dr Phil Xiu, a dedicated GP based in Leeds, who shares expert insights, answers key questions, and offers practical tips to help pharmacy teams with delivering the Pharmacy First Service. [Watch the third episode here](#).



- See Episode 1 on the **UTI Pathway** [here](#).
- See Episode 2 on the **Shingles Pathway** [here](#).
- More information about the **Pharmacy First Service** can be found [here](#).
- Information regarding **DPP Support** can be found [here](#).

Keep an eye out for episode 4 coming soon!

Childhood Flu Vaccination Advanced Service – Registration is Open

A reminder that registration for the new Children's Flu Vaccination Service for children aged 2–3 years is now open on the NHS Business Services Authority's [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#). To receive vaccine ahead of the start of the service on 1st October 2025, contractors need to register on the MYS portal **by 31st August 2025**. Later registration will be possible, but the provision of the centrally procured vaccine will be received after the starting date for the service. Learn more about the new service [here](#).

CPE Webinar Next Week – Book Your Place Now – CPE is holding a webinar on **Wednesday 20th August at 7.30pm** which will explain how the service will operate and help pharmacy teams prepare to provide it. Bookings will close at midday on the day of the webinar, so please [register here](#) secure your place as soon as possible. The webinar will be recorded for on-demand viewing for anybody unable to watch on the night.

Flu Vaccination Service

Have you Chosen your IT System Yet? All vaccination sites must use one of the assured Point of Care (PoC) systems to record Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. This must be one of the [IT suppliers listed on the new framework](#) which have been assured by NHSE as having met specific minimum standards. In previous seasons the PoC system has been provided by NHSE, but for 2025/26 pharmacy owners must choose which PoC system they want to use, ahead of the campaign. It is anticipated that pharmacies will be able to choose from the following five systems:

- Cegedim's Pharmacy Services.
- Optum (formerly EMIS) Pinnacle Outcomes4Health.
- Positive Solutions HxConsult.
- RAVS (the NHS 'in-house' Record A Vaccination Service platform)
- Sonar

Choosing your PoC Supplier and Supplier Information / Webinars – Ahead of IT supplier selection opening from August 2025, pharmacy owners can now find information (including some webinar recordings) that explain the different systems and offerings [here](#).

Access to a PoC System – A system assurance process is underway, the progress of which can be viewed [here](#). Once assurance has been completed, the systems will become available for selection and pharmacies will need to contact the supplier directly to request onboarding for the service.

Flu Training – Discount Code for West Yorkshire Contractors – Health Academy is offering a 10% discount for contractors and their staff on any of their flu courses for 2025/26 – see [here](#). Use the code **CPWY2510** at checkout. *Note: this does not constitute endorsement by CPWY of this training provider. A full list of training providers is available on the CPE flu webpage [here](#).*

ICB Flu & COVID Programme Letter – Autumn/Winter 2025/26 – Please see [here](#) a letter from NHS West Yorkshire ICB which provides a useful overview of the two programmes including clarification around eligibility, timescales, and operational details.

Leeds Supervision – New Service Level Agreement (SLA) Issued

Forward Leeds has issued an updated SLA, (1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026), for the Leeds Supervision Service. This is available on the CPWY website [here](#).

There has been no changes to the SLA other than the fee for supervision of buprenorphine has been increased to £3.35. Contractors who provide this service will shortly be sent a contract variation letter (see [here](#)) which they are required to sign and return to confirm receipt.

International Overdose Awareness Day – Invite for Community Pharmacies in Leeds

Forward Leeds is holding a memorial event to mark *International Overdose Awareness Day*, a global event aimed at raising awareness of overdose, reducing the stigma of drug-related death, and acknowledging the grief felt by families and friends. Forward Leeds would love to see as many people as possible come together to remember loved ones lost to overdose, and show solidarity in the face of this ongoing public health issue. **The event will run from 10.45 to 11.15am on Friday 29th August 2025 in Penny Pocket Park**, Kirkgate, Leeds (opposite Leeds Minster). More information is available on the Forward Leeds website [here](#).

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

August 2025 Bank Holiday Pharmacy Opening Times v2

The August 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.

August 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.

Clinical Highlights

Please find July's Clinical Highlights Newsletter [here](#) from the Kirklees Medicines Optimisation Team (relevant to all in WY).

Bradford – Edoxaban Prescribing Review

Bradford contractors should note that GP practices across the ICB have been instructed to review patients currently prescribed edoxaban, with a view to changing their prescribed medication to either rivaroxaban or apixaban. The reviews and changes will take place between 1st August 2025 and 31st March 2026. The majority of patients will most likely be changed to rivaroxaban, but for clinical reasons some patients may continue to be prescribed Edoxaban. Contractors may wish to bear this information in mind when ordering further supplies of these drugs from wholesalers.

Leadership to Embed AMS into Practice (LEAP) Programme

The **Leadership to Embed AMS into Practice (LEAP)** programme is a new BSAC initiative designed to empower frontline healthcare professionals to lead antimicrobial stewardship

(AMS) improvements in their own clinical settings. This 9-month, fully funded programme combines structured leadership training, mentorship, and a workplace-based AMS challenge. It is practical, flexible, and grounded in the realities of clinical care.

They are particularly keen to engage with primary care clinicians – including pharmacists. As most antimicrobials are prescribed in primary care, this sector plays a critical role in the UK's response to antimicrobial resistance.

Fully funded places are available for primary care and secondary care healthcare professionals based in the North of England. Further details and application information can be found [here](#).

Bedbug Cases in Leeds

We have been informed by Leeds City Council that they are seeing an increased number of Bedbug cases, specifically in the LS8/LS9 area of the city (10 cases within the last week). They have asked us to circulate the leaflet [here](#) which includes information on the signs, symptoms and ways of preventing bedbugs in the home, as well as advice on the support available to eradicate them. Physical copies of this leaflet can be ordered from the Public Health Resource Centre. Register [here](#) before ordering [here](#) (order number LS247). Information on bed bugs is also available from the NHS website [here](#).

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events** –
 - **Back to Basics: Understanding Pharmacy Finance** – [click here](#) for details and booking!
- **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 face to face and online workshops are now live for booking. See the documents below for further details on workshops and resources:
 - [CPPE Community Pharmacy Update – July 2025](#)

CPWY Connect – Telegram Group

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

