

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

We will be joined by David Broome and Dave Downham who will be stripping 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](#). **Places are filling up fast so [register now!](#)**

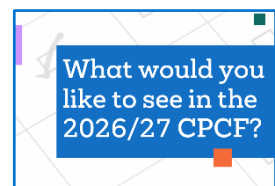
**One attendee who was at David's previous event in another area of Yorkshire said:**

"I just wanted to say a big thank you for all the information given in your workshop. I wanted to say that the changes and text messaging service / dispensing notification that we implemented resulted in a 40% increase in our FP34C statement for August compared to July, and 87% increase compared to August 2024. Thank you so much for your help, I will be attending the next workshop!"

Share Your Views on the Next CPCF

Community Pharmacy England wants to know what pharmacy owners in West Yorkshire would like to see in the 2026/27 Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF). An opinion poll asking how you think funding should be allocated, what regulatory changes might help your pharmacy, and which services to consider introducing, is available. Findings from the survey will inform national negotiating priorities and contribute to efforts to push for further improvements and support for the sector.

CPWY is encouraging as many pharmacy owners to complete this poll as possible. See the details and access the poll [here](#). **The poll will be open until 11.59pm on Monday 8th September.**



Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26

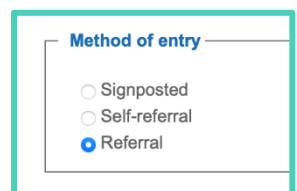
Final Reminder – Pharmacy owners must be signed up for both the **Pharmacy First** and **Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS)** by **31st August 2025**, and remain registered until **31st March 2026**. See further information and support resources [here](#).

Services Information

Recording GP Referrals on PharmOutcomes

Pharmacy First on PharmOutcomes – Signposted or Referral?
Getting it right could save you money!

When processing GP referrals for Pharmacy First **Clinical Pathway** conditions on **PharmOutcomes**, pharmacies are asked to indicate how the patient has entered the service. If a GP referral has been received, into PharmOutcomes or via NHSmail, pharmacists should ensure they tick the correct option on screen i.e. '**Referral**' when they move onto the clinical pathway template.

A screenshot of a form titled 'Method of entry'. It has three radio button options: 'Signposted', 'Self-referral', and 'Referral'. The 'Referral' option is selected with a blue dot.

Method of entry
<input type="radio"/> Signposted
<input type="radio"/> Self-referral
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Referral

This ensures that the consultation is correctly coded as a Referral and ensures the surgery referral figures demonstrate that surgeries are actively referring into the service. **Referred consultations incorrectly coded as 'signposted' or 'self-referral' will incur a charge to the pharmacy for processing the consultation under their provider pays agreement with PharmOutcomes.**

NHS Flu Vaccination Service

Permission for Off-Site Vaccination – A key change for this season includes a requirement to seek permission from the commissioner prior to undertaking vaccinations at a location off the pharmacy premises. We are currently trying to establish the local process for applying for permission and further updates will be shared in due course.

Vaccines – As it's just a couple of weeks away before the flu campaign starts, (1st September for pregnant women), just a reminder of the reinforced advice issued by NHSE regarding the restriction on the use of second line vaccines. The [annual flu letter for 2025/26](#) made it clear that first line vaccines for a given cohort should be ordered ahead of the flu season and clinics should be planned using the recommended first line vaccine. Once the vaccination campaign has started, if providers need additional stock, second line vaccines should only be ordered if first line options are not available to order. Where a provider does not have a first line vaccine in stock, patients should be directed to an alternative provider who has stock of a first line vaccine or told to rebook when the new stock is available. Vaccination with a second line vaccine should only be considered on an exceptional basis where there is a valid reason why the patient may not return for a further appointment.

NBS is Now Open to Post Appointments (Flu & COVID) – The National Booking Service (NBS) is now open for pharmacies to post appointments for adult flu and COVID vaccinations – see [here](#).

The use of NBS for flu vaccinations is a voluntary option and the functionality within NHS Profile Manager, which was added last year to allow pharmacies [to add a link to their own flu vaccination booking system within their NHS website profile](#), remains in place.

Any pharmacies that have not yet registered for NBS but would like to take up the offer to use NBS (and who don't already have access to NBS as part of the COVID-19 Vaccination Service), can still apply by completing the [NBS registration flu form](#). Login details are usually received within 10 working days.

Access to a PoC System – Have you Chosen Your IT System? – All vaccination sites must use one of the assured Point of Care (PoC) systems to record Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. 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 autumn/winter campaign. See the CPE news story [here](#) for further information.

Turning Point Pharmacy Evening for Wakefield Pharmacies

Turning Point, the organisation which provides support services for substance use in Wakefield, would like to invite pharmacy teams to an evening event to learn more about the support Turning Point provides and explore how pharmacies can work more closely with local services. This will be an opportunity for pharmacy teams to ask questions, connect with colleagues across the pharmacy network and strengthen referral routes.

Food and refreshments will be provided. The event is being hosted at Socialicious Recovery Hub, 1a Westmorland St, Wakefield, WF1 1PN on **Thursday 18th September at 7pm**. Please email pharmacy@turning-point.co.uk to confirm attendance and any dietary requirements.

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.

Pharmacist Support Trainee ACTNow Campaign – Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th August 2025

ACTNow is the annual wellbeing campaign which, at key points throughout the year, focuses on the specific needs and issues for students, trainees and pharmacists. This year's Trainee ACTNow Campaign takes place at the beginning of the foundation year so that trainees can sign up to e-news and receive ongoing support throughout the whole year. The three-day campaign focuses on three specific themes:

- *What to expect from the foundation training year and how to prioritise wellbeing.*
- *Budgeting and personal finances support.*
- *How to work well in a team.*

Pharmacy owners are asked to encourage their trainees to sign up to improve their health and wellbeing and access helpful resources. See details [here](#) and how to sign-up to Pharmacist Support e-news.



Emergency Alerts Campaign

The UK Government will be testing the Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 3pm. The Cabinet Office is asking a wide range of public sector and health partners – including community pharmacy teams – to help them raise awareness of the planned test so that the public know what action to take. They have produced a toolkit which includes downloadable posters, web banners, digital screens and social media posts. Please see [here](#) to download the toolkit and get involved.

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.

