



#### **Know Your Numbers! Week 2025**

Next week (8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025) is 'Know Your Numbers! Week'. An annual campaign aimed to reach those who have high blood pressure and don't know it, so they can get the treatment and support they need to bring it under control. **The theme for this year's campaign is 'Looking for the Missing Millions'.** Right now, 5 million UK adults aged 18–64 may have undiagnosed high blood pressure – increasing their risk of heart attack, stroke, and kidney disease.



If you provide the Hypertension Case-Finding Service, this is a great opportunity to bring awareness to the campaign next week and carry out additional BP checks! Please see the document below for further information on the campaign and resources your team can use to support it and promote to patients.

Know Your Numbers! Week 2025 - Resources

## **Hub and Spoke - On-Demand Webinar**

This webinar focuses on Hub and Spoke. We were joined by Sarah Passmore, Superintendent Pharmacist at Pharmacy Plus Health, telling us more about the regulatory updates to Hub and Spoke, and Mark Pedder, Commercial Director at HubRx, sharing their approach as one of the Hub and Spoke providers here in West Yorkshire. See the webinar here.



Prior to the webinar, we received a few questions from contractors to be answered within the presentation with Sarah and Mark. If after watching, you have further questions, please email <a href="mailto:info@cpwy.org">info@cpwy.org</a>, where we will be happy to help or pass onto Mark.

HubRX will be at our Back to Basics Event next week and they look forward to speaking to attendees there.

Please note, this webinar is not an endorsement of any particular provider. There are a range of commercial models available. Our role at CPWY is to help contractors explore what might be the best solution for them.

\*The information presented is based on the information available at time of recording (August 2025) and is subject to change\*

### **Services Information**

#### **Dates for Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework Changes**

Provisional dates have now been announced for the agreed changes to the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework for 2025/26 to be introduced.

These are summarised in the table below but please refer to the CPE news story <u>here</u> for full details including what you need to do to prepare for these changes.

Service	What's Changing	Provisional Commencement Date
Pharmacy First	Revised Clinical Pathways & PGDs. Draft versions can be downloaded <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>	1st October 2025
Pharmacy Contraception Service	<ul> <li>Expansion of service to include oral emergency contraception.</li> <li>Addition of Pharmacy Technicians allowed to provide the service.</li> <li>Addition of drospirenone to the progesterone PGD to enable the supply of this medicine.</li> <li>Download the CPE briefing on what's changing here.</li> </ul>	29th October 2025
NMS	Expansion of service to include depression as an eligible therapeutic area. The revised service specification and drug list can be downloaded here.	29th October 2025

NHSE will **confirm** the various commencement dates nearer the time which are subject to the necessary changes to the clinical IT systems.

# Bradford Council Flu Vaccination Service for Council Staff & Voluntary Sector Workers - Service Opportunity

All Bradford pharmacies have been invited to provide Bradford Council's locally commissioned Flu Vaccination Service where council and Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) staff are issued with a voucher code and encouraged to attend a participating community pharmacy for a vaccination (pharmacies can also arrange off-site visits to council or VCS sites to provide vaccinations). Please check your pharmacy NHSmail for further details.

Pharmacies who wish to provide this service should first read the <u>service specification</u> and, if they can meet all the service requirements, return a completed Expression of Interest and Assurance Checklist form (pages 7-8 of the service specification, section 14) to <u>Michael.horsley@bradford.gov.uk</u> as soon as possible and by **30**<sup>th</sup> **September 2025.** 

#### **Childhood Flu Vaccination Advanced Service**

If your pharmacy has signed up to provide the Childhood Flu Vaccination Service you might find this short, (6 minute), training video useful. The video, which was produced by NHS Scotland includes how to administer the Fluenz nasal spray to children aged 2 to 5 years. See <a href="here.">here.</a>

Pharmacies can still register to provide the service, but the provision of the centrally procured vaccine will not be received until after the starting date for the service. Read more about the registration process <u>here</u>. Learn more about the new service <u>here</u>.

#### Innovate UK Obesity Pathway Innovation Programme (OPIP)

A health innovation programme has recently been announced to demonstrate new weight management pathways in the community. The Obesity Pathway Innovation Programme (OPIP) will test new approaches to help people living with obesity. More information on the CPE website <a href="here.">here.</a> This programme follows the design accelerator programme that CPWY and the West Yorkshire ICB have been working together on. We are continuing to support the ICB in their bid for further funding to support a funded obesity clinical pathway in community pharmacy and will keep pharmacy teams updated.

#### Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

#### **Last Chance to Share Your Views!**

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. 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.

#### **Communicating Medicine Changes to Community Pharmacy**

As part of discussions around proactive care and integrating pharmacy teams, CPWY has worked with the practice pharmacy teams and PCN pharmacy teams to discuss how to effectively communicate medicine changes to community pharmacy e.g. where medicine changes have been made following structured medication reviews.

We have advised where possible, please provide a written update of medicine changes to community pharmacy either by script notes or NHSmail (depending on what works best locally). If script notes are used, messages do need to be updated when no longer relevant. Please ensure you and your team are actively looking for these messages and taking action for effective patient care. This will hopefully reduce the number of phone calls and provide you with an audit trail for medication changes.

#### Controlled Drugs (CD) Learning Bulletin Issue 30

The latest version of the CD Learning Bulletin Issue 30 can be found <u>here</u>, which contains the following information:

- Pharmacy First Urgent Medicines Supply
- Learning from Incidents Security advice for Pharmacies
- Paramedic Requisitions for Controlled Drugs
- Safety Advice Transdermal Fentanyl Patches

We hope you find this of benefit and please feel free to share with colleagues who may find the information useful.

#### **Empowering People to Protect Lives and the Power of Antibiotics**

LEAP is BSAC's new leadership development programme designed to equip healthcare professionals with the skills, support, and confidence to drive antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) improvements in everyday clinical practice. Whether you're a frontline clinician or an AMS specialist, LEAP offers a chance to step into a leadership role and make a tangible impact:

- **LEAP into Action** for healthcare professionals who don't specialise in infection but want to take forward a local AMS improvement project with structured support.
- **LEAP Mentor** for AMS and infection specialists who want to develop their mentorship skills and support colleagues leading AMS change on the ground.

Find out more and apply here: ams-leap.com

Please apply as soon as possible as places are limited and registration will close when we have sufficient numbers. Successful participants will be notified by mid September 2025.

#### Cipla UK: Product Update

Please see the document below we have been asked to share by Cipla UK regarding Bibecfo® (beclometasone dipropionate/formoterol) 100/6mcg and 200/6mcg pMDI, which has been approved by the local Medicines Management Committee, meaning you may now see an increasing number of prescriptions for this product at your pharmacy. Please see the document here for further information.

#### **Draft UK Pharmacy Research Strategy - Engagement Exercise Launches**

The UK Pharmacy Research Advisory Group (PRAG) co-produced a draft <u>UK Pharmacy Research Strategy</u> with input from colleagues from across the pharmacy professions, which proposes a framework to strengthen research leadership and embed research more widely in both professions. They are seeking insights and feedback from stakeholders and would appreciate as many people as possible to complete their survey <u>here</u>. The closing date is **11:59pm on Friday 12th September 2025** and the UK PRAG will consider the feedback from the engagement exercise and prepare an updated strategy this autumn.

#### **Gambling Harms Survey Bradford**

The Bradford Gambling Related Harm Group and Public Health are undertaking an exploration of organisational awareness of gambling harms from key Bradford organisations to understand the landscape of gambling harm in Bradford district. This short survey seeks insight from key service leads, professionals or volunteers working directly with Bradford residents to support their health and wellbeing, of which may be exposed to, at risk of or experiencing gambling related harm. See more information and complete the form here.

## **Training and Development**

- CPWY Events -
  - Back to Basics: Understanding Pharmacy Finance Fully booked!
- CPWY e-Learning <u>click here</u> 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:
  - o <u>CPPE Community Pharmacy Update July 2025</u>

## **CPWY Connect – Telegram Group**

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

