

Services Information

October 1st Reminders for National Services



Next week is a busy one for national services with some services commencing and changes to others. Here is a summary:

National Service	Summary	When
Adult Flu Vaccination Service	Vaccination of all eligible adult cohorts can commence.	1st October
Childhood Flu Vaccination Service	Service commences.	1st October
COVID-19 Vaccination Service	Autumn 2025 programme commences.	1st October
Hypertension Case-Finding Service	ABPM minimum requirement introduced as part of service bundling *(see link below to bundling details)*	1st October
Pharmacy First	Revised Clinical Pathways & PGDs: The provisional date for commencement of use of the new clinical pathways and PGDs is 1st October 2025 (subject to the necessary changes to the clinical IT system being made on schedule).	Expected 1st October but TBC by NHSE
Distance Selling Pharmacies (DSPs): Service Changes <i>DSPs will no longer be able to provide Advanced, National Enhanced and Enhanced Services face-to-face with patients at the pharmacy premises. These services can only be provided remotely from 1st October, or if the service specification permits, face-to-face with the patient off-site. **(See link below for further information.)**</i>		1st October

*Bundling details: <https://www.cpw.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/128/2025/05/Advanced-Service-Bundling-May-2025.pdf>

**DSP information: <https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/dsps-service-changes-from-1st-october-2025/>

NHS Flu Vaccination Service (Adults)

Vaccination of all eligible adult cohorts can commence from 1st October. If your pharmacy would still like to use the **National Booking Service (NBS)**, you will need to complete an [NBS flu form](#). *Whilst the period to register to receive login details before the start of the season has now past, later applications are still being accepted (applicants should receive their login details within 10 working days).*

NHS Childhood Flu Vaccination Service Commences Next Week (from 1st October)

Ahead of 1st October launch of the Childhood Flu Vaccination Service, CPE has released a series of resources to help pharmacy teams to implement and promote this new community pharmacy service. These resources are designed to help pharmacy teams raise awareness among parents and carers, and assist pharmacy teams with their understanding of the service. See [here](#).

Pharmacists or pharmacy technicians providing this service may also 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 [here](#).

The PGD for the service has recently been published and is available to download [here](#).

COVID-19 Programme – Resources for Autumn 2025

The COVID-19 vaccination e-Learning for the Autumn 2025 seasonal programme is now live and can be accessed on the [e-learning for healthcare website](#). The [Patient Group Direction](#) (PGD) and [National Protocol](#) to support the programme have also been published. Vaccinating teams should read, understand and be locally authorised to use the document(s) prior to commencing vaccinations.

Hypertension Case-Finding Service – Introduction of ABPM Minimum Requirements

From 1st October, to be eligible for the Pharmacy First fixed monthly payment of £1000, pharmacies will be required to deliver **at least one ABPM per month** (not applicable to DSPs). Pharmacies who do not deliver at least one ABPM in a month will not be entitled to the monthly payment even if they meet the minimum number of Pharmacy First clinical pathways for that given month.

New resource (patient leaflet) – pharmacy teams commonly report that patients can be reluctant to have an ABPM so to help deliver this element of the service, we have produced a simple patient leaflet to explain why it's important to get the ABPM check done and the risks of leaving high blood pressure untreated. This is available to download from the CPWY website [here](#). We have also previously produced a short briefing which includes examples of how to have conversations about ABPM with patients – see [here](#).

Pharmacy First – Revised Clinical Pathways & PGDs

The provisional date for commencement of use of the new clinical pathways and PGDs is **1st October** but this will be confirmed by NHSE, subject to receiving confirmation that the necessary changes to the clinical IT systems will be made on schedule. The final updated clinical pathways, protocol and PGDs, as well as an update master PGD authorisation sheet have now been published by NHSE on [their website](#) to provide pharmacists with time to read the updated documents and **sign the authorisation sheet** ahead of 1st October. The current service documents will remain in place until 11:59pm on Tuesday 30th September 2025, and are available on the [NHSBSA website](#).

Our latest Quick Dose: Knowledge Capsule video covers the key changes to the clinical pathways – [see here](#).

Pharmacy Contraception Service Update – Emergency Contraception Webinar

CPE will be holding a webinar about the changes to the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) on **Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm** – see [here](#). The main changes to the service are the addition of oral emergency contraception and the ability of pharmacy technicians to provide the service and these changes are expected to come into effect from 29th October 2025.

Please [book your place now](#).

Innovate UK – Update

We have had disappointing news, that the executive finance team at the ICB have asked the team who were exploring the Innovate UK Obesity bid to stand down their project.

Due to the ongoing financial challenges within the ICB, they are not able to maintain the resource to support this project, where the team lead by Hannah Bibi were going to explore a weight loss programme with a pathway using community pharmacy. We are extremely disappointed by this news and will continue to work closely with the ICB to look at other options if they become available. Thank you to those of you that supported CPWY with this in the design accelerator phase.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

World Pharmacists Day 2025

Today (25th September 2025) marks this year's World Pharmacists Day, an annual awareness day led by the [International Pharmaceutical Federation \(FIP\)](#).

This year's theme, **"Think Health, Think Pharmacist"**, an opportunity to celebrate and make visible the profession's contributions to better health outcomes.

[World Pharmacists Day 2025 – Factsheet](#)



CPWY wants to say thank you to all our community pharmacists – you and your teams continue to provide services to your patients, support your communities and reduce pressure on other NHS healthcare providers.

National Penicillin Allergy Day – 28th September 2025

National Penicillin Allergy Day takes place on 28th September each year, marking the anniversary of Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin in 1928. The campaign highlights the impact of penicillin allergy labels on patient care and treatment choices. To support this year's campaign, NHS West Yorkshire ICB's AMR Programme encourages you to promote awareness locally. You can access:

- A poster for display in your practice or pharmacy, [here](#).
- Comms for newsletters, websites, socials, waiting rooms screens, [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support in promoting responsible antibiotic use and improving outcomes for patients.

Stoptober Campaign Toolkit Now Available



Stoptober, the annual 28-day quit event, is back with a new focus on quitting smoking together and an expanded range of campaign resources. Each year, the Stoptober campaign is supported by a range of partners, including pharmacy teams. It offers a great opportunity to promote smoking cessation services and support. Download the toolkit [here](#), and order free printed materials [here](#).

The Living Well Stop Smoking Service in Bradford – Referral & Signposting Information for Bradford Pharmacies –

Bradford Council wants to provide as many opportunities as possible for smokers to make a quit attempt and are aiming to increase the numbers of smokers contacting their Stop Smoking Service. Community pharmacy teams have always been a key part of local efforts to support people to stop smoking and the Council are encouraging pharmacies to refer smokers, (where consent is given), or signpost them to the Living Well Stop Smoking Service (if the pharmacy does not provide the Stop Smoking Level 2 Service themselves). More information can be found [here](#).



Leeds GP Merger Consultation

Two GP practices in the Crossgates and Scholes area of Leeds have commenced an engagement exercise with a view to merging the two practices. Letters have been sent to patients of these practices. See below for the letters.

[Ashfield Medical Centre – Letter](#)

[Manston Surgery – Letter](#)

[Scholes Surgery – Letter](#)

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events** – future events will be posted in due course.
- **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 – September 2025](#)

CPWY Connect – Telegram Group

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

