

Quick Dose: Knowledge Capsule – Back to Basics: Expensive Items

Following our recent Back to Basics Event, CPWY has started a new Back to Basics series where we will be producing short videos with a focus on maximising pharmacy income. We are starting the series off with our first episode on Expensive Items, where our CEO, Nicola Goodberry Kenneally, is joined by David Broome, local contractor, CPWY committee member, and CPE Regional Representative. Take a look at the video [here](#).



Services Information

Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) – What's Changing?

29th October has been set as the provisional date for the PCS to be expanded to include the provision of oral emergency contraception (EC). Additionally, the service will be updated to allow pharmacy technicians to provide the service as well as several other key changes:

Summary of Key Changes
(see CPE briefing [here](#) for further information)

- The service to be expanded to include oral EC.
- Suitably trained and competent pharmacy technicians will also be able to provide the service (where a pharmacy technician is providing the service, a SOP must be in place which includes the process of how the responsible pharmacist will supervise associated activities connected to the supply of medicines via the PGD).
- SOP must include the process for escalation of clinical and non-clinical issues.
- Clarification in the service specification that all consultations must be verbal and provided from the pharmacy premises. Also, all consultations must be directly with the person accessing the service, and for whom the medication is for.
- Distance selling premises pharmacies (DSPs) are not permitted to provide face-to-face consultations with patients present at the pharmacy premises. Where a DSP is providing a remote consultation and requires an individual's blood pressure, height and weight, these measurements cannot be performed at DSP premises.
- The service specification states the service must not be offered as an alternative to dispensing a person's NHS prescription if they already have one.
- Clarification of inclusion and exclusion criteria and need to supply any NHS medicine with reasonable promptness.
- Addition of drospirenone to the progesterone PGD.
- A requirement to check the individual's GP record.
- Greater emphasis on recording information, particularly related to any safeguarding actions and any chaperone details.
- The need to provide additional support and advice, including advice on the avoidance of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) through safer sex and condom use is recommended where appropriate.
- Changes in the minimum quantity of oral contraception (OC) to be supplied for ongoing supplies of OC.

We hope that pharmacy teams are starting to prepare for these changes. Unlike the oral contraception elements of the service, oral EC should be provided throughout the hours the pharmacy is open (note; pharmacies providing PCS must offer all elements of the service e.g. oral EC, initiation of OC and ongoing supplies of OC).

The updated service specification, amended OC PGDs and new PGDs for Levonorgestrel and Ulipristal have been [published on the NHSBSA website](#) in draft form. These can be used to prepare for the expanded service until the final documents are published by NHSE. CPE has also updated the [pharmacist/pharmacy technician implementation checklist](#) which may be helpful.

SAVE THE DATE! CPWY Event: Emergency Contraception & PCS – Tues 11th November 2025

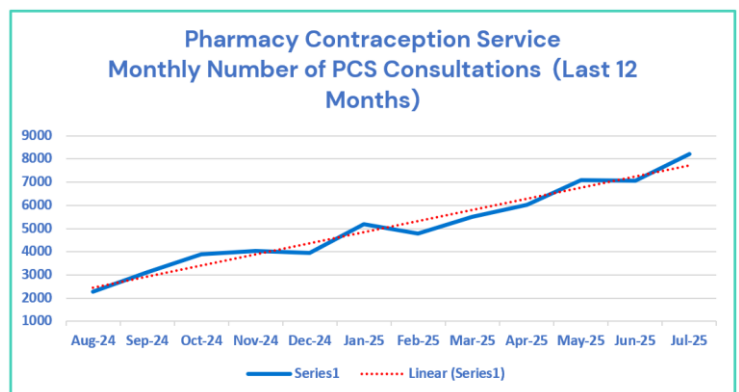


We will be holding an evening event at the Cedar Court Hotel in Bradford to cover some of the recent and upcoming changes to national pharmacy services but mainly focusing on the PCS and the supply of EC. Further information will be sent out shortly but **please save this date** in your diaries and look out for booking details.

PCS Activity Data – Latest 12 Months

It is fantastic to report that our pharmacies have delivered over 60,000 consultations for oral contraception in the last 12 months, with numbers growing each month. This is a real testament to the dedication and expertise of our pharmacy teams.

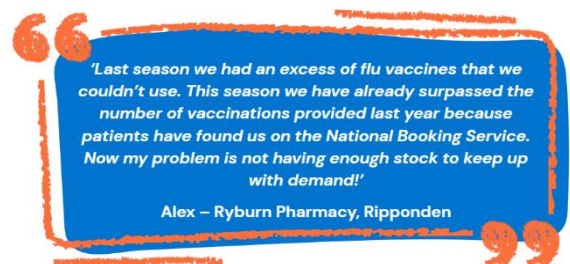
Thank you for making a difference to so many patients. Let's keep the momentum going!



Are You Using the National Booking Service (NBS) for Your Flu Vaccination Service?

Ryburn Pharmacy in Calderdale noticed a significant increase in patients booking for flu vaccinations after signing up to NBS.

If you provide the Flu Vaccination Service, you can still choose to sign your pharmacy up to the NBS which allows patients to search for a provider offering flu vaccinations and book an appointment. Pharmacies listed on the NBS can significantly increase the number of patients accessing this service.



More information about the NBS, including how to sign up, can be found [here](#).

Supervised Consumption & Substance Misuse Training for Pharmacy Teams in Bradford, Calderdale & Leeds – Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Waythrough, the commissioner of substance misuse services in Bradford, Calderdale & Leeds, is running two online 1-hour training / update sessions on Wednesday 22nd October at 12–1pm **OR** 7–8pm. See the poster [here](#) for details. Registration is not required and you can join either of these sessions by scanning the appropriate QR code on the poster.

National Health Campaigns 2025/26

The two confirmed national health campaigns that all pharmacies must participate in using relevant materials to promote the Pharmacy First Service during 2025/26 will run from:

- **Monday 20th October 2025 to Sunday 9th November 2025 and**
- **Monday 2nd February 2026 to Sunday 22nd February 2026.**

Pharmacies can promote the service in a variety of ways to meet the campaign requirements, including through materials already in use. See more information and download resources [here](#).

Provision of Prescription only Medication across Bradford District to Support the Smoking Cessation Service – Tender Now Live

Bradford Council is seeking a single provider to prescribe and supply smoking cessation prescription-only medicines (varenicline, cytisine, and bupropion) for patients referred by the Smoking Cessation Service. See the tender notice [here](#). The deadline for tender submissions is 7th November 2025.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

International Pharmacy Technician Day 2025

Tuesday 21st October 2025 is International Pharmacy Technician Day! A day to recognise the hard work of all pharmacy technicians and to showcase their important role in the pharmacy team. **CPWY would like to say a huge thank you to all of our pharmacy technicians who work tirelessly and are an integral part of the team!**



CPWY Prize Draw: Education and CPD Survey for Community Pharmacists

Please complete this [4-minute survey](#) to help us and [DPP Support](#) create tailored CPD / resources and a new educational website for your professional growth. As a thanks, you can enter a prize draw to win a **FREE bespoke virtual coaching package** (1:1 session) for career advancement with Dr Xiu!

- **Aspiring Prescribers:** Prep for IP courses, master clinical skills, navigate applications.
- **Current IP Trainees:** Refine OSCE techniques, clinical reasoning, ace assessments.
- **Qualified Prescribers:** Expand practice scope, tackle complex cases, refresh expertise.

Meet Your Expert Coach & Mentor

*This exclusive coaching will be delivered by Dr Phil Xiu, a leader in the field of healthcare education. As an **active Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP)**, he has a proven track record of success, having personally guided over 18 trainees to achieve their Independent Prescriber qualification in the last year alone. His practical expertise is underpinned by a **Master's degree specialising in OSCEs**, giving him a unique and in-depth understanding of how to excel in high-stakes clinical examinations. Furthermore, he is a **standing member of a NICE committee**, directly contributing to the development of the national clinical guidelines that shape the practice of all UK health professionals.*



Beyond his qualifications, he is a passionate educationalist and mentor, dedicated to helping pharmacists widen their career pathways and reach their full potential and a strong advocate for empowering the wider pharmacy workforce, and this coaching is a direct extension of that commitment.

Complete the [4-minute survey](#) now for a fantastic opportunity to develop your career. **The survey will close next week at 5pm on Thursday 23rd October 2025.**

WY ICS APC Letter – Prescribing

See the letter below detailing advice from the West Yorkshire Integrated Care System Area Prescribing Committee (WY ICS APC) in dealing with prescribing recommendations to primary care for patients seen following a referral to secondary, tertiary or quaternary care.

[WY ICS APC Letter](#)

New Dementia Support Service in Calderdale

Overgate Hospice and the Halifax Opportunities Trust (HOT) have set up Hamari Yaadein (Our Memories) which provides dementia support to diverse communities across Calderdale. The group offers a holistic approach to individual needs, focusing on patient-centred care and support for people with dementia. More information can be found [here](#).

Free Subscription to Drink and Drugs News

Drink and Drugs News (DDN) is the UK's free magazine for the drug, alcohol, tobacco and wider health and social care sectors. Published since 2004, it is read by services, commissioners, NHS partners, voluntary organisations, recovery groups – and community pharmacies. The magazine covers treatment, harm reduction, outreach, overdose prevention, smoking cessation, and pharmacy-led needle and syringe programmes. Subscribe free to print or online editions [here](#).

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.

