

Advanced Services Update Event with a Focus on Emergency Contraception (EC) & the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) – Tuesday 11th November 2025, Bradford

This event will give an overview on the key changes to the National Advanced Services with the primarily focus on the supply of EC, its integration within the PCS and supporting wider and more consistent access for patients across England. See the details and agenda [here](#).

Advanced Services
Update Event

Focus on Emergency
Contraception & PCS

[Book your place here](#) – Registration is required!

Services Information

Have You Updated Your NHS Profile Manager to Show That You Offer a Walk-in Vaccination Service for COVID?

Shelf Pharmacy in Calderdale noticed a significant increase in patients attending for COVID vaccinations after updating their NHS Profile Manager to show that they offered walk-in COVID Vaccination Clinics.

“On NHS Profile Manager I uploaded my walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics over the weekend and had over 20 patients walk-in on Monday for a vaccination! NHS invitations ask people to either book online or check to see who is offering a walk-in service so updating our pharmacy's profile has really made a difference for us.”
Fahad – Shelf Pharmacy, Calderdale

If your pharmacy offers a walk-in service make sure you promote this by updating your Profile Manager so that patients can search for a provider offering a walk-in service. More information about NHS Profile Manager can be found [here](#).

Addition of Oral Emergency Contraception to the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) – Expected to Commence Next Week (29th October)

We hope all our PCS providers are getting ready for the expansion of the service which will include oral emergency contraception (EC) and will allow pharmacy technicians to also provide the service. The updated service specification and patient group directions (PGDs) have now been published by [NHSE on their website](#) to allow pharmacy teams to prepare. If your pharmacy provides the PCS, please ensure you read the updated service documents and sign the PGD authorisation sheet(s) in preparation for go-live (there is a master authorisation sheet available).

Once the updated (expanded) service has gone live, pharmacies providing the PCS must offer all elements of the service. Unlike the oral contraception elements of the service, EC should be provided throughout the hours the pharmacy is open. See this [CPE briefing](#) for further information.

CPWY Event – Tuesday 11th November 2025

We are holding an event at Cedar Court Hotel in Bradford which will be focusing on the supply of EC. Dr Helen Padfield, who is the Training Lead for Locala Sexual Health, will be providing an update on oral EC and contraception methods. See the top of this News Digest for details and how to book. 

New Medicine Service (NMS) Reminder: Depression to be added from Next Week

From Wednesday 29th October 2025, the NMS will expand to include depression as a new eligible therapeutic area. This is a major and welcome step forward, recognising the vital role pharmacies can play in supporting patients starting treatment for mental health. Whilst there is no mandatory training linked to this new therapeutic area, developing confidence in mental health consultations is strongly encouraged. The [consulting with people with mental health problems e-learning CPPE online training](#), which is included in this year's Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS), might be helpful to build confidence and skills in this area (as well as helping you meet a quality criteria).

What's Changing – The NMS Eligible Drug List and service specification have both been reviewed and updated and draft versions are available to download from the NHSBSA website [here](#). As well as the addition of this new therapeutic area, other key updates include:

- *Removal of discontinued medicines, hospital-only medicines, and drugs with minimal community prescribing.*
- *Addition of newer medicines approved since the last review.*
- *Inclusion of standard wording now common across other Advanced Services (e.g. post-payment verification and record keeping)*
- *Clarification that sub-contracting of the NMS is not permitted.*
- *Wording regarding the timing of intervention and follow up consultations amended; intervention to be provided between 7-14 days after recruitment and follow up between 14-21 days after the intervention (previous wording said consultations would 'typically take place between those time periods'). Flexibility remains for exceptional cases (e.g. patient on holiday).*

Next Steps for Pharmacy Teams

-  Review the updated NMS documents on the [NHSBSA website](#).
-  Consider completing the CPPE mental health consultation training.
-  Get ready to support patients starting treatment for depression as part of NMS from 29th October 2025.

Pharmacies Required to Provide the Calderdale Stop Smoking Level 1 Service

Pharmacies in Calderdale have recently been sent an email from CPWY with details of a new Service Level Agreement (SLA) agreed with Yorkshire Smokefree for the Stop Smoking Level 1 Service following a fee uplift for the supply of varenicline under PGD. Changes have also been made to the PGD for Varenicline, including enabling pharmacy technicians to work under it.

- The new SLA is available [here](#).
- The new PGD is available [here](#).

If your pharmacy would like to provide this service, please download and complete the SLA and return **by 31st October 2025 to:** help.2quit@swyt.nhs.uk.

Important note: this is a new SLA and PGD so pharmacies already signed up to deliver this service will need to sign up to this SLA if they wish to continue to provide the service.

Tell CPE about Winter Readiness and COVID Vaccination Issues

Ahead of Community Pharmacy England's November Committee Meeting, they are asking pharmacy contractors to take a few moments to complete a poll regarding winter pressures and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Your views will be fed into their ongoing work, including to press for further improvements and support for community pharmacies. More information can be found on the CPE website [here](#).
The poll closes on Monday 10th November at 11.59pm.

Please note, this survey is for community pharmacy owners only – CCA multiple branches do not need to respond, as their head offices will be contacted by CPE separately.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

Last Chance to Enter before 5pm Tonight! CPWY Prize Draw: Education and CPD Survey for Community Pharmacists

You have until 5pm this evening 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! See further details [here](#) about the survey and an introduction to Dr Xiu.

CPWY Pre-Committee Meeting Survey

Our next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th November 2025. If you wish to put something forward to be raised at our meeting, please complete the short survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/UJLnpZQvuf>. Details of the committee, including minutes from previous meetings, accounts and constitution can be found on our website, www.cpw.org, under the 'About Us' tab (on the far right).

Observers are welcome to attend the open session of these meetings. If you would like to attend a future meeting, please email info@cpwy.org.

Clinical Highlights

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

Sharing Student Success: University of Huddersfield

CPWY sponsored 2 prizes for the University of Huddersfield for the **Best Overall Performance for a First Year MPharm Student** which was awarded to Ella Daley, and **Best Overall Performance for a Third Year MPharm Student** which was awarded to Shapol Raza.

These CPWY sponsored awards recognise excellence and we want to share their success! Congratulations to both. 🌟



Best Overall Performance for a First Year MPharm Student

Ella Daley: "Thank you so much for the prize, hopefully I win it again next year!"

Best Overall Performance for a Third Year MPharm Student

Shapol Raza: "I am honoured to have received the award, thanks very much!"

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**
 - **Advanced Services Update Event with a Focus on Emergency Contraception** – Tuesday 11th November 2025 – [click here](#) for details.
- **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.

