

Congratulations to our 11 community pharmacy sites across West Yorkshire who have all contributed to delivering the Independent Prescribing (IP) Pathfinder Programme. The national Independent Prescribing Pathfinder Evaluation, led by the University of Manchester, has already shown the huge potential of pharmacist prescribers across England:



200 Pathfinder sites across 40 ICBs

33,000+ consultations delivered nationally

97% managed without onward referral

Strong evidence of improved access, clinical value and professional fulfilment



Locally our models included:

- **Extended Minor Illness** – Broaden the range of minor conditions that can be treated and managed to resolution within community pharmacy.
- **Community Pharmacy Enhanced Support for Quality, Optimised and Safer Prescribing (QOSP)** – Enable the community pharmacist prescriber to contribute to quality, optimised and safer prescribing by enabling relevant changes to prescriptions. This includes the management of unavailable medicines.
- **Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)** – hypertension management, targeted CVD case finding and supporting lipid initiation and optimisation.

To every West Yorkshire IP Pathfinder site, thank you. Your leadership, adaptability and commitment are shaping the national conversation and setting the standard for what comes next. The message is clear: Independent prescribing isn't the future of pharmacy, it's the present. And West Yorkshire is proving what's possible.

