

## Pharmacy Pressures Survey 2026: Please Share Your Views

We are urging community pharmacy owners and pharmacy team members across West Yorkshire to help Community Pharmacy England (CPE) quantify financial constraints, medicines supply issues, staffing pressures, the impact on patients and much more in this annual survey. **Every contribution is important in building up the strongest possible picture of the challenges you are facing.**

There are two separate surveys: one for pharmacy business owners / head office representatives and the other for pharmacy teams. The surveys will remain open until **11:59pm on 16th March 2026**. For more information and to complete either surveys, [click here](#).

**Thank you in advance!**

## Services Information

### Annual Flu Letter for 2026/27 Published

The Department of Health and Social Care, the UK Health Security Agency and NHS England have jointly published the national flu vaccination programme letter for the 2026/27 season. In summary:

- *There are no changes to eligible groups.*
- *Pharmacies will only be able to vaccinate pregnant women from 1st September 2026 (other adult cohorts will start from 1st October).*
- *There are two changes to the recommended vaccines that pharmacy owners will need to consider when finalising their orders.*
- *There is a reinforcement of the circumstances when the egg-based vaccine, *Ilve*, can be used.*

More information including a link to the letter can be found [here](#).

### Reminder: NHS Leeds Pharmacy Access to Self-Care Service (ASC) – New Contract

We would like to remind pharmacies in Leeds currently delivering the Leeds ASC Service, that a new contract has been issued and is due for signing. A reminder email was sent to your pharmacy's shared NHSmail yesterday which details further information about the service. The updated ASC service specification for 2026/27, effective from 1st April 2026, is available [here](#).

The NHS contract was sent to your pharmacy's NHSmail from CPWY Info via DocuSign. This contract must be signed **before Friday 13th March 2026**, if you intend to continue providing the service beyond 31st March.

*Please check your spam / junk folder. If you cannot find this email from DocuSign, please contact [info@cpwy.org](mailto:info@cpwy.org).*

# Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

## Negotiations on 2026/27 Contractual Framework Commence

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has entered consultation with Community Pharmacy England (CPE) on the 2026/27 Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework. Government requirements dictate that negotiations must remain confidential, but CPE will update pharmacy owners on the outcomes as early as possible. Read more on the CPE website [here](#).

## National No Smoking Day – Wednesday 11th March 2026

No Smoking Day takes place next week on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026. This is a great opportunity to signpost to quitting support and encourage smokers to make a quit attempt. The theme is 'a smoke-free life starts with a smoke-free day'.

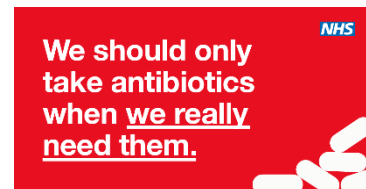
**Are you doing anything to promote No Smoking Day in your pharmacy? Now is the time to start planning! How can you support smokers wanting to quit?** To help you, campaign materials are available from the DHSC website [here](#).



## Reminder: Local Health Campaign: Keep Antibiotics Working and Training Event

The second of the 2025/26 Local Health Campaigns in West Yorkshire titled 'Keep Antibiotics Working' will run between **Monday 9th March to Sunday 29th March 2026**.

**The 'Keep Antibiotics Working' campaign has been agreed with us at Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire and is a mandated campaign which all pharmacies in West Yorkshire must participate in.**



Please see campaign pack [here](#), which sets out details of the campaign, the campaign resources and how your pharmacy can meet the campaign requirements.

### Antibiotic Stewardship Event – Register Now!

This Microsoft Teams online session will equip you and your team to confidently use TARGET Antibiotic Resources in everyday practice, supporting safe, effective antibiotic use and high-quality antimicrobial stewardship in local communities. The session includes real-life scenarios, practical consultation tips, how to use [TARGET](#) resources confidently and a live Q&A on practical dilemmas.

**Monday 23rd March 2026, 6:45–8pm, Online (Microsoft Teams)**

*Hosted by the West Yorkshire ICB in collaboration with CPWY.*

Please register your interest [here](#). **Can't attend live?** This webinar will be recorded so please register via the same link if you'd like access to the recording.

## Changes to the Reporting of Temporary Suspensions

Currently, pharmacy owners can report a temporary suspension via the Manage Your Service (MYS) platform or send an email notification to the West Yorkshire ICB at [wycib.pharmacy@nhs.net](mailto:wycib.pharmacy@nhs.net).

However, from 1st June 2026, MYS will be the **only** submission method, and pharmacy owners must use it from that date. Once reported via MYS, pharmacy owners do not need to follow up with an email or further notification to their ICB.

It is a Terms of Service requirement for each pharmacy owner to have a [business continuity plan](#) for a temporary suspension of service (closure) due to illness or other reason beyond their control, and to action this when necessary.

See more information about this change [here](#).

## Reminder: Resources to Support Patients, You or Team Members During Ramadan

As we are now partway through Ramadan, if you haven't already, check out the films produced by Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire [here](#) aimed at supporting patients to use their medicines and promote health and wellbeing during Ramadan. Included is a video from a local Imam aimed at patients.

You can also access Ramadan guidance support for you, or members of your team on the NHS Employers website [here](#). **This webpage also includes a helpful webinar on supporting staff during Ramadan.**

## Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**
  - *Future events will be published here once confirmed.*
- **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 – February 2026](#)

## CPWY Connect – WhatsApp Group

Our CPWY Connect WhatsApp group is a messaging group created to connect and support pharmacy teams across West Yorkshire. *The group was originally hosted on Telegram, however, was retired in the new year.*

