

Pharmacy Pressures Survey

The deadline to respond to the 2026 Pharmacy Pressures Survey is next week on Monday 13th April 2026 at 10am! For more information and to complete either surveys, [click here](#).

CPWY is encouraging as many people as possible to complete the survey. Please see this video [here](#) from committee member and CPWY Advanced Services Facilitator, Amanda Smith, who shares her thoughts on completing the survey and why every response matters. Thank you in advance!

Sharing Success!

Sharing Success: Blood Pressure Awareness Events – Holt Park PCN & Woodsley PCN

The CPWY team recently took part in four community blood pressure check and awareness events hosted by Holt Park PCN & Woodsley PCN. Members of the public were offered free BP checks and information about the Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case-Finding Service. The team also highlighted the Pharmacy First Service, helping raise awareness of the vital support pharmacies can offer.

Please see the [Sharing Success](#) piece for more information. A big thank you to both PCNs for welcoming us and allowing CPWY to be part of these events.



Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire

Sharing Success!

Blood Pressure Check & Awareness Events – Holt Park PCN & Woodsley PCN

Last month, the CPWY team took part in four vibrant community events hosted by Holt Park PCN and Woodsley PCN, helping to shine a spotlight on the importance of regular blood pressure checks and the serious risks of leaving high blood pressure untreated. At each event, members of the public were invited to have their blood pressure checked, with those needing further support signposted to their local community pharmacy for follow-up. Attendees also received helpful information about the Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case-Finding Service.



While blood pressure awareness was at the heart of these events, they also created a great opportunity to connect with the community, highlighting the Pharmacy First Service and reinforcing the message that local pharmacies are a convenient, trusted place for healthcare advice and support.

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Services Information

Quick Dose: Knowledge Capsule – Pharmacy First Podcast

If you've missed any of our 'Quick Dose: Knowledge Capsule' Pharmacy First episodes with Dr Philip Xiu, don't worry, we've got you covered! You can now watch the full series in one place. Each episode focuses on one Clinical Pathway condition, perfect for quick learning. Take a look [here](#).



West Yorkshire Palliative Care Formulary Service

The ICB has confirmed that the Palliative Care Service will continue for a further 12 months, with the current arrangement now extended until 31st March 2027.

There are no changes to the existing formulary or reporting requirements. Service providers are expected to continue submitting their quarterly stock audit returns via the PharmOutcomes platform, **with the Quarter 4 submission (January–March 2026) now due.**

Information about the service is available on the CPWY website [here](#).

Spring 2026 COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign – Key Updates

Good luck to all our pharmacies providing COVID vaccinations from next week (Monday 13th April). Here are a few key updates and reminders.

The National Booking Service (NBS) is now open, allowing the public to book COVID-19 vaccination appointments ahead of the campaign launch on Monday.

All providers delivering COVID-19 vaccinations should ensure that appointment availability has been uploaded to the Manage Your Appointments (MYA) system. If this has not yet been completed, please do so as a priority to ensure appointments are accessible for booking.

Walk-in clinics remain a vital component of the vaccination programme. Many eligible individuals are more likely to come forward when vaccination is available without a prior appointment. Providers are therefore encouraged to offer both pre-booked and walk-in options wherever possible. To support public awareness of walk-in services, it is essential that information on the NHS website is accurate and kept up to date via Profile Manager.

NHS Profile Manager Actions

- Confirm you are offering walk-in COVID vaccinations.
- Add clinic opening times for the Spring 2026 Campaign.
- Regularly update details throughout the campaign, including removing walk-in availability when services are not running (e.g. due to lack of vaccine stock). Changes made are reflected almost immediately on the website.

*Please note that previously published information is **not** automatically removed. If your site participated in earlier campaigns, the most recently updated walk-in details may still be visible to the public, so it is important to review and amend this information accordingly.*

Autumn/Winter 2026/27 Programme Confirmed – Eligibility for the Autumn/Winter 2026 COVID Campaign will remain the same – see [here](#). Pharmacy providers may wish to advise patients attending for their spring COVID vaccination that they will also be able to receive both their COVID and flu vaccinations (adults only) at the pharmacy from 1st October 2026. Providers may also want to consider how best to prompt these patients to book their vaccination at the pharmacy once the NBS opens for booking for the Autumn/Winter 2026/27 season.

Vaccine Group Direction (VGD) Published – There have been changes to the legal mechanisms for administering COVID vaccines for the Spring 2026 Campaign, following the expiry of the legislation that previously enabled use of the National Protocol. Vaccinations will be administered under:

- Patient Group Direction (PGD) – can be used by pharmacists or pharmacy technicians.

- Vaccine Group Direction (VGD) – a new legal route which operate in a similar way to a PGD, with pharmacists and pharmacy technicians operating as the clinician, but some tasks within the process (preparation, administration and record-keeping) can be delegated to another suitably trained staff. **Note: only the person administering a vaccine may carry out reconstitution or dilution. Therefore, vaccine preparation and administration MUST be completed by the same practitioner.**

Download the Spring 2026 COVID-19 vaccination PGD [here](#).

Download the Spring 2026 COVID-19 vaccine (5 years and over) VGD [here](#).

New Smaller Pack Size Available for Spikevax – A new smaller pack size of Spikevax LP.8.1 is available to order through the FDP supply dashboard. Sites can order a 10-dose (two-vial) pack, up to a maximum of 30 doses. Orders above 30 doses must be in multiples of 50. See the [provider guide](#) for more details.

Weekly FDP Drop-in Sessions – The national team continues to host informal drop-in sessions for colleagues with any queries relating to the Federated Data Platform (FDP). These sessions are taking place weekly until 5th May; register [here](#).

- Tuesday 14th April, 12:15 – 1pm
- Tuesday 21st April, 3 – 3:45pm
- Tuesday 28th April, 12:15 – 1pm
- Tuesday 5th May, 3 – 3:45pm

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

IMPORTANT – West Yorkshire ICB: Change of Email Address

Due to changes within the West Yorkshire team and the wider ICB, the decision has been made to consolidate the 3 generic mailboxes that are currently used for Medical, Ophthalmic & Pharmacy into one mailbox wycib.primarycare@nhs.net with effect from 7th April 2026, replacing the following address for pharmacy: wycib.pharmacy@nhs.net.

Please ensure all emails going forward are sent directly to wycib.primarycare@nhs.net.

Any emails sent to the old account will receive an automatic reply asking that emails are sent to the new account for approximately 3 months, and any emails sent there will, until then, be automatically forwarded to the new email address.

Building Financial Resilience by Growing Clinical Services Event – 5th May 2026

Many community pharmacies are now delivering a growing range of private clinical services, supporting patients with weight management, long-term conditions and preventative health. As patient volumes increase and services become more clinically complex, strong governance, clear documentation and appropriate clinical oversight remain essential.

This educational evening is designed for pharmacies who are looking to introduce or expand private clinical services, with a focus on:

- Strengthening clinical capability and governance
- Supporting patients with long-term condition management

- Enhancing outcomes through structured lifestyle and behavioural support

Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7pm – 9:30pm
Village Hotel, Capitol Boulevard West, Morley, Leeds, LS27 0TS
This Virty Health event is being run in collaboration with CPWY.

See the agenda for the evening in the flyer [here](#).

Please email lucy.beazley@virtually.uk by 14th April to reserve your place. Please also include any dietary requirements.

New Apps to Support Asthma and COPD Patients

Patients in West Yorkshire with asthma or COPD can now access three nationally recognised digital health apps: **COPDhub**, **Asthmahub**, and **Asthmahub for Parents**. These free apps help users check inhaler technique, follow personalised action plans, monitor symptoms, and make more sustainable treatment choices, reducing the risk of avoidable exacerbations. The apps are now being actively promoted across West Yorkshire GP practices and community services.

See more information about the apps [here](#).

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**
 - Virty Health and CPWY Collaboration Event – see [here](#).
- **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.*

