

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!

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

See the full agenda for the evening in the flyer [here](#). Please email lucy.beazley@virtually.uk as soon as possible to reserve your place. Please also include any dietary requirements.

Sharing Success!

Pharmacy in the Spotlight – Halifax Courier

The pressures facing community pharmacy aren't abstract, they're real, immediate, and affecting teams every single day. That's why it's so powerful to see local contractors stepping forward to share their experiences so openly as raising awareness locally is vital.

In a recent Halifax Courier article, our CEO, Nicola, and three local West Yorkshire pharmacists highlighted exactly what's at stake as costs continue to rise and funding fails to keep pace.

A huge thanks to **Shaiyan Wirasat, Ramzy's Pharmacy in Hipperholme, Prashanth Takkallapally, Heath Pharmacy in Halifax and Tahir Hussain, Luddendenfoot Pharmacy**, for shining a light on the growing financial pressures community pharmacies are facing every day.

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Read the full article [here](#).

Services Information

West Yorkshire Palliative Care Formulary Service

As reported in last week's Digest, the Palliative Care Service will continue until 31st March 2027.

Pharmacies providing the service have been sent an email to their shared NHSmail address with details of the extension including a contract extension document which needs to be signed and returned to wycb.primarycare@nhs.net by **Monday 11th May 2026**.

Spring 2026 COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign – Walk-In Finder

Walk-in clinics remain a vital component of the vaccination programme as some people are more likely to come forward when vaccination is available without a prior appointment.

Pharmacies can add walk-in COVID vaccination availability to their NHS service profile via NHS Profile Manager along with any new clinics and opening times. To create a clinic for adults:

1. [Sign into the NHS Profile Manager](#).
2. Review walk-in COVID-19 vaccination services, in the NHS website services list.
3. Create a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinic by entering and confirming a start date, end date and opening times.

Please support public awareness of walk-in services by keeping service information on the NHS website accurate and kept up to date.

Autumn/Winter Campaign – now that it's been confirmed that the eligibility criteria for the Autumn/Winter COVID campaign will remain the same, (see [here](#)), you may wish to advise patients attending for their spring vaccination that they can also get both their COVID and flu vaccinations (adults only) at the pharmacy from 1st October 2026.

Case Study: Building Success with Pharmacy First

The Building Success with Pharmacy First Case Study [here](#) serves as a strategic tool to enhance collaboration between community pharmacies and GP practices. It meticulously outlines the implementation journey, from initial setup to full operational integration, showcasing the significant advantages of the integrated digital platform. The study addresses barriers to making referrals and demonstrates how CPWY provides support.

If you have any questions or require support with the service, please don't hesitate to contact us by emailing info@cpwy.org.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

IMPORTANT – West Yorkshire ICB: Change of Email Address and Office Address

As a reminder to all pharmacy teams, the West Yorkshire ICB email address has been replaced with wycb.primarycare@nhs.net. Please ensure all emails going forward are now sent to this address.

From 7th April 2026, the ICB headquarters has also moved from Wakefield to its new base at **Scorex House, West 1 Bolton Road, Bradford, BD1 4AS**.

Income Support & Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance Exemptions Ending April 2026

From **15th April 2026**, Income Support (Box H) and Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (Box K) will no longer be valid exemption categories for NHS prescription charges, as part of the move from legacy benefits to Universal Credit. NHS stationery and pharmacy IT systems will be updated in due course. More information is available [here](#).

CPE has asked NHSBSA for resources to help pharmacy teams explain this change to patients. At collection, patients should select the exemption category that applies to them at that time. If they're unsure, teams can signpost them to the [NHSBSA eligibility checker](#).

Technician Apprenticeship Programme: Apply for Funding by 18th May 2026

Following the launch of the [Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme 2026](#), a financial training contribution of £15,505 per Pre-Registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician, per year for the two-year training period is being offered. To apply for this funding please submit Application of Funding requests via this regional [online application form](#). **Note: The application window opens from 9am on 27th April.**

National engagement sessions will be held via MS Teams to provide initial information on the funding offer launch. Use the links below to register your attendance for your preferred date. You only need to attend one of the sessions below:

- *Tuesday 21st April, 12pm to 12.30pm – Register [here](#)*
- *Thursday 23rd April, 8pm to 8.30pm – Register [here](#)*

Regional stakeholder engagement sessions will take place starting Monday 27th April, via MS Teams to provide further information on the programme, including the application process and how to access apprenticeship funding. Use the link below to register for your preferred date. You only need to attend one of the sessions below:

- *Tuesday 28th April, 8am to 8.45am – Register [here](#)*
- *Wednesday 29th April, 12noon to 12.45pm – Register [here](#)*

If you have any questions, please complete the NEY [Query Submission Form](#) and select “Pre-Registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician” in the subject field.

CliniLink CPD Event – Cardiorenal Metabolic Disease & Prevention

CliniLink is holding a free face to face event this Saturday in Leeds which is open to registered healthcare professionals, including community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. Speakers Hannah Beba and Dr Waqas Tahir will be talking about cardiorenal metabolic disease and prevention.

Saturday 18th April 2026 at 9.30am–4.30pm
The Queens Hotel, City Square, Leeds, LS1 1PJ

For the full agenda and to register to attend, please [click here](#).

TARGET Antibiotics Webinar Recording & Presentation

This webinar was delivered in partnership with CPWY and NHS West Yorkshire ICB.

Please see the webinar recording and the presentation from the webinar below:

- [Webinar Recording](#) – NHS Futures log in required to watch.
- [TARGET Antibiotics Training – Presentation](#) – Please note that the slide deck is highly formatted and includes animations. For the best experience, it is recommended to view it in full screen presentation mode.

We hope you find the recording and presentation useful and that it supports you and your teams in confidently using the TARGET Antibiotic Toolkit within your pharmacy, particularly in the context of Pharmacy First and wider antimicrobial stewardship.

The materials are designed to be practical and can be shared within your teams to help embed consistent approaches to consultation, communication, and decision-making around antibiotic use.

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.*

