

Eid Mubarak! All at CPWY would like to wish a happy and healthy Eid to all colleagues, friends and family that are celebrating the occasion this week! 🌙 ✨

Sharing Success

Improving Access in General Practice Event

We were delighted to join colleagues from across West Yorkshire at the recent Primary Care Improving Access in General Practice Event, where the spotlight was firmly on partnership working.



Our session focused on the growing impact of community pharmacy in improving access to care, and how closer collaboration between pharmacy teams and general practice is helping to strengthen primary care across the region. Local data and the [Todmorden Group Practice Case Study](#) helped show the difference our pharmacy teams make every day.

CPWY has created some infographics which we want to share with our pharmacies, as they might be useful for your teams to use in conversations with local GPs to support Pharmacy First referrals.

- [Success with Pharmacy First – A Roadmap for GPs](#)
- [Why you Should Digitally Refer Patients to the Service](#)
- [How Increased Minor Illness Referrals Can Support your Practice](#)

Read the Sharing Success piece [here](#).

Services Information

Calling Pharmacy Technicians – Last Chance to Complete our Survey!

A reminder that CPWY is carrying out a survey for community pharmacy technicians across West Yorkshire. The survey closes this week (31st May 2026), so if you have not yet completed it, please take a few minutes to do so [here](#). **Your feedback will help shape future training and support opportunities.**



Thank you for your support.

Registration Required to Provide NHS Seasonal Vaccinations (COVID-19 and Adult Flu) for the Autumn/Winter 2026/27 Campaign

Whilst pharmacies have always been required to register for the NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service, registration to provide the **NHS Flu Service is a new requirement this season.**

Pharmacies that did not participate in the spring COVID-19 Campaign but wish to deliver both the COVID-19 and Adult Flu Programmes this autumn should complete registration by following the instructions outlined below. **Note:** if your pharmacy registered to provide COVID-19 and adult flu vaccinations for the Spring 2026 Campaign and has not since deregistered, your details will be automatically carried forward on MYS for the Autumn/Winter Campaign.

Registering to Provide COVID-19 & Adult Flu for Autumn/Winter 2026/27

- Registration is currently open via the [MYS portal](#).
- **Register by 11:59pm on 31st July 2026** to receive supplies of COVID vaccines ahead of the Autumn 2026 service start (registration is allowed after this date but you are not guaranteed to receive vaccines in time for the service start date).
- The final deadline to register to provide the COVID Vaccination Service is 11:59pm on 30th November 2026.

Pharmacies that register for COVID-19 will be automatically registered for the Adult Flu Vaccination Service, as this is a requirement of COVID-19 vaccination registration.

Registering to Provide the Adult Flu 2026/27 Vaccination Service

- Registration is currently open via the [MYS portal](#).
- **Register by 11:59pm on 30th November 2026.**
- You **MUST** register by this date to be able to provide this season's NHS Flu Vaccination Service.

Reminder – Leeds ENT Assessment Service Ends This Week

A reminder that the Community Pharmacy ENT Assessment Service in Leeds will end on Sunday (**31st May 2026**). No further consultations should be provided under this service after this date.

Thank you to all pharmacy teams for your support and engagement with the service.

Reminder: CPPE PCS Workshop in Leeds is Coming Soon – Have You Booked Your Place?

Are you currently delivering the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS), or considering offering it in your pharmacy? CPPE is hosting an interactive workshop designed to help pharmacists and pharmacy technicians build confidence in delivering effective contraception consultations.

The workshop, titled *NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service: Delivering Effective Consultations to Initiate Contraception*, is being held on Sunday 14th June at the Village Hotel, Leeds South. See this flyer [here](#) for further information and scan the QR code to book your place now.

This practical training focuses on supporting shared decision-making conversations with women who are starting, restarting, or changing contraception, helping pharmacy professionals provide patient-centred care with confidence.

Pharmacy technicians involved in delivering PCS are particularly encouraged to attend.

Update on Anenta's Role in the Clinical Waste Contract Mobilisation

Anenta Ltd is acting as the ICB's managing agent for the new clinical waste contract, overseeing mobilisation, service management, and all contract-related functions. They are effectively your internal waste manager, coordinating information, issuing service guides, and ensuring a smooth transition to the new provider.

There has been some operational teething problems during early mobilisation, and we appreciate your patience while these are resolved.

How to contact Anenta – Please use the [Vector Portal](#) to log a service ticket (click "How can we help?"). This is the preferred route as phone lines can experience long wait times. However, this is the number if you prefer this route: 03301 222 143.

If an issue remains unresolved after contacting Anenta, please escalate to the ICB Primary Care mailbox for further support: wycb.primarycare@nhs.net.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

2025 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey – West Yorkshire Summary

West Yorkshire has an estimated 907 pharmacist FTE across a headcount of 1,348.1, with 119.8 pharmacist FTE currently vacant. Within the total workforce, there are approximately 644.4 employed pharmacist FTE, 219.2 locum FTE and 43.3 relief pharmacist FTE.

For Independent Prescribers (IPs), West Yorkshire has an estimated 162.8 IP FTE across a headcount of 212.9. This means IP qualified pharmacists make up 17.9% of all pharmacist FTE, and 15.8% of all pharmacist headcount in the area.

Of those IP pharmacists, 47.7% are already prescribing in the pharmacy, around 77.6 FTE or 101.6 people on a headcount basis. The remaining 52.3% hold the qualification but are not yet prescribing within the pharmacy setting.

The workbook reports an overall survey response rate of 93%. ICS level figures were probability weighted to account for non-response, so the West Yorkshire numbers should be interpreted as weighted estimates, not raw counts.

NHS England has published the full data from the 2025 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey, including the Main Survey webpage [here](#), Summary of 2025 data [here](#) and the full data [here](#).

West Yorkshire ICB Medicines Safety Updates

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Leaflet – this leaflet [here](#), which builds on previous emollient-related fire safety information and highlights wider risks linked to medicines, oxygen, airflow equipment and other medical devices. It also includes clear, practical safety tips for patients and carers. Hard copies are available directly from West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Contact details:

- Home Fire Safety Advice: 0800 587 4536
- Website: westyorksfire.gov.uk
- Stop Smoking Support: 0300 123 1044
- MHRA Yellow Card (to report medicine/device safety concerns): yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk

Patient Incident: Zuclopenthixol – A patient was prescribed Zuclopenthixol 20mg daily for 14 days. The community pharmacy dispensed 100 × 10 mg tablets because the PMR system identified the item as a *special container*. Unfortunately, the patient took over 60 tablets within four days, resulting in significant risk of harm.

Please ensure that **the prescribed quantity is always considered**, and work with prescribers to decide whether supplying a full special container is clinically appropriate for that individual patient. This is particularly important for medicines with overdose risk or where the prescribed duration is short.

Where the prescription specifies a quantity, you may supply only the prescribed amount and discard the remainder of the pack. You will still be reimbursed for the full pack size in line with the Drug Tariff special container rules.

Epilepsy Awareness Week – Article from Local Pharmacist

Following [Epilepsy Awareness Week](#) last week, we're highlighting a powerful article from local pharmacist Phyllis Kimani, Well Pharmacy. Phyllis reflects on the realities of epilepsy, its impact on families, and why neurological health deserves greater visibility.

The article is a reminder of the important role community pharmacy teams play in supporting awareness and understanding. Read the article [here](#).

Message from NHS England: Smartcards

Series 10 Smartcards are coming soon and will require Smartcard Connect to complete card management activities, including issue, print, unlock and renew. The NHS Identity and Access Management team will be hosting a broadcast on 3rd June 2026 for RA and IT teams to review these changes. Please register [here](#) to attend.

Medicines Packs with Poor Barcodes: Pharmacy Input Needed!

Community Pharmacy England is working with NHS England to investigate reports of missing, inaccurate, and unscannable medicine pack barcodes affecting patient safety and pharmacy workload. Pharmacy teams are encouraged to complete NHS England's short survey before 18th June 2026, to help provide real world evidence of the impact these issues are having. More information can be found [here](#). Complete the survey [here](#).

INSIGHT Programme for Yorkshire and Humber - Pharmacists & Pharmacy Technicians

The INSIGHT Programme for Yorkshire and Humber is funded by the NIHR (National Institute for Health and Care Research) and supports newly qualified and early-career professionals (up to five years post-registration) across health, social care and public health to explore a career in research.

For this year's intake, starting in September 2026, the NIHR is providing funding for ringfenced master's places (plus backfill/stipend) for registered early-career pharmacy staff and radiographers.

Applications for the September 2026/27 intake are due to close tomorrow (11:59pm, Friday 29th May). However, they are happy to extend the deadline for pharmacy staff, so please contact YH.INSIGHT.NIHR@leeds.ac.uk if you are interested. More information can be found [here](#).

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**
 - *Future events will be included here once announced.*
- **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 document below for further details on workshops and resources:
 - [CPPE Community Pharmacy Update – Spring/Summer 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.*

