



Improving Access in General Practice Event

Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire recently had the opportunity to present at the 'West Yorkshire Primary Care Improving Access in General Practice' Event in May 2026. The focus was on demonstrating how effective partnerships between pharmacy services and GP practices can enhance healthcare access within the community. The event brought together a diverse group of local professionals, including GPs, PCN Business Managers, Care Navigators, and colleagues from ICB and Primary Care, all dedicated to improving community health.



Community pharmacies are increasingly prepared to support a growing number of patients through Advanced Services. By focusing on the minor illness aspect of the Pharmacy First Service, we demonstrated how improving access to care for those with minor illnesses can ease the pressure on general practices, allowing them to better serve patients with more complex health issues. It was rewarding to highlight achievements, backed by local data and the [Todmorden Group Practice Case Study](#), which illustrates the significant role our pharmacy teams play in assisting both GP practices and patients.

We also explored the idea of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs), emphasising the essential role community pharmacies can play in addressing healthcare inequalities, particularly by reducing unwarranted variations in GP access. **CPWY remains dedicated to the Neighbourhood Health model, ensuring that community pharmacy has a prominent voice in this important initiative.**