

CPCF & PQS 2026

CPCF Settlement Explained in 2 Minutes

CPE has produced a [short animation video](#) to help you quickly understand what the new CPCF settlement means. If you're short on time, it's the quickest way to get up to speed on the headline changes and context behind the settlement.



CPE Opinion Poll

Pharmacy owners are being asked to take part in CPE's latest opinion poll, ahead of the upcoming CPE Committee meeting. This poll focuses on the [2026/27 CPCF settlement](#), including whether the new arrangements will help ease financial pressures, what challenges remain for pharmacy businesses, and views on the introduction of independent prescribing into community pharmacy services.

Please complete the short poll [here](#) before 11.59pm on Sunday 12th July 2026. Please note, CCA multiple branches do not need to respond as the survey is being sent to their head offices.

NEW e-Learning Module – VirtualOutcomes

VirtualOutcomes has released an e-Learning module on the new CPCF and PQS for 2026/27. This module will help you and your team understand the new funding arrangements, understand the new PQS and what you need to do to meet the Gateway Criterion and the criteria that make up the two Domains. See more information in the flyer [here](#). More information can be found on the VirtualOutcomes website [here](#).

Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2026/27 – Funding & Gateway Criteria

The PQS formally launched on 2nd June 2026. See full details [here](#).

Funding – The scheme is comprised of two Domains: *Domain 1 – Medicines Optimisation & Patient Safety* and *Domain 2 – Professional Practice*.

Each Domain is worth up to 15 points if fully completed by the appointed dates (30 points in total) for pharmacies dispensing more than 1800 items per year. Each point will be worth between £64.20 and £128.40, dependent upon the number of contractors participating and completing the scheme requirements. The payment for full completion of the scheme criteria will therefore be a minimum of **£1926 up to a maximum of £3852**.

Gateway Criteria – As in previous years, eligibility for the scheme is dependent upon meeting Gateway Criteria which this year relate to Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC). To qualify for the Domain payments, pharmacy owners **must meet all three parts** of the Gateway Criteria.

- a) **PEoLC Questionnaire** – The questionnaire will be accessible from the [NHSBSA website](#) from August 2026.
- b) **Pharmacy Palliative Care Medication Stockholder** – As soon as possible after 2nd June 2026 and by the end of 31st March 2027, the pharmacy owner must have updated [NHS Profile Manager](#) to show they are a 'Pharmacy palliative care medication stockholder' if they routinely hold the 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines and can support local access to parenteral haloperidol.

- c) **PEoLC Action Plan** – By the end of 31st March 2027, pharmacy owners must have an action plan in place to use when they do not have the required stock of the 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines and/or parenteral haloperidol available for a patient.

Action and Evidence Portfolio Workbook now available – CPE's PQS 2026/27 Action and Evidence Portfolio Workbook is now available. The workbook includes the PQS Drug Tariff wording, key dates, a checklist, and a template action plan. It provides questions for teams to assess their compliance with the Gateway Criteria / Domains and suggests evidence to confirm requirements are met by 31st March 2027. Access the workbook [here](#). See more details and other resources [here](#).

If you have any queries regarding the PQS, please contact Phil Wiles by email: phil@cpwy.org.

Services Information

Make the Most of Your Team to Support Service Delivery

Pharmacies that do well with services don't just have bigger teams; they use them better. With clear roles, efficient processes, and the full team engaged, service delivery becomes smoother and more effective.



Our guide ([see here](#)) shows which services different members of your pharmacy team can deliver. Could some of your staff be upskilled to take on more responsibilities?

Investing in your team builds resilience, improves patient flow, reduces pressure, and frees up valuable pharmacist time.

NEW Advanced Service: Community Pharmacies to Deliver MenB Vaccinations

Community pharmacies will play a key role in a new, time-limited NHS vaccination programme launching this summer to help protect students against meningococcal B (MenB) disease. The new Advanced Service will offer MenB vaccination to Year 13 students and eligible under-25s who are starting university or moving into residential further education settings for the first time in autumn 2026. Further details are expected from CPE once service negotiations have been finalised but an update from UKHSA and NHSE was published on Wednesday (16 June) which provides more detailed information on the key points of the programme, including an annex which sets out clinical guidance. Please read the letter [here](#).

Why has the programme been introduced? The programme has been introduced in response to recent meningitis outbreaks while the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation undertakes a full review of the evidence. It is expected that **around 1 million young people** will be eligible for vaccination.

Who is eligible? The service will be available to:

- All Year 13 students (born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008);
- Under-25s entering university or residential further education for the first time; and
- International students under 25 years old entering their first year of university.

When will vaccinations be offered? The programme will begin in **July 2026**, giving students sufficient time to complete the recommended **two-dose vaccination course** before the start of the autumn term, when cases typically begin to increase.

- **Dose 1:** Available from late July 2026.
- **Dose 2:** At least 28 days later and ideally before term starts in September.

NHS England will supply the vaccine directly to participating pharmacies from centrally procured stock. More detailed information is available [here](#).

How will students access the service? Year 13 students will be contacted by the NHS and provided with a booking link to arrange their vaccination appointment at a community pharmacy. Eligible university and residential further education students will be able to access the service via walk-in through participating pharmacies.

See the CPE announcement [here](#).

- [Read the UKHSA and NHS England letter and annex on the MenB time limited vaccination offer](#)
- [Read more about the vaccine programme in a UKHSA blog](#)
- [Read the DHSC announcement](#)

2026/27 Flu Immunisation Programme Amendments

The [national flu immunisation programme 2026 to 2027 letter](#) was amended on 9th June which confirmed that community pharmacies will be able to vaccinate eligible children:

- 2 and 3 years olds – delivery from 1st October 2026.
- Children in clinical risk groups (2 years to 17 years) – delivery from 1st October 2026.
- School-aged children who missed vaccination by the school immunisation teams – delivery from 1st December 2026.

Further information [here](#).

Homelessness Added as an Eligible Risk Group

This [amendment](#) also adds people experiencing homelessness (defined as rough sleepers and those using homeless hostels or night-shelters), aged 16 years and over, to the national flu programme from 1st October 2026. The [Influenza Green Book chapter](#) has been updated to reflect that people experiencing homelessness have been added to eligible risk groups. NHSE will issue further guidance on the addition of this cohort in due course.

25% Discount Available on Flu & COVID Vaccination Training

Planning ahead for the autumn vaccination season? We've secured a 25% discount for all West Yorkshire pharmacy contractors on upcoming Flu and COVID Vaccination + Basic Life Support (BLS) training sessions taking place in West Yorkshire.

Venue: Rosegarth Surgery Training Suite, Rothwell Mount, Halifax, HX1 2HB

Upcoming Halifax Training Dates:

- 04/07/2026: [Flu and COVID vaccination + BLS \(1.30pm -5pm\)](#)
- 01/08/2026: [Flu and COVID vaccination + BLS \(9am -12.30pm\)](#)
- 26/09/2026: [Flu and COVID vaccination + BLS \(1.30pm -5pm\)](#)
- 24/10/2026: [Flu and COVID vaccination + BLS \(9am -12.30pm\)](#)
- 24/10/2026: [Flu and COVID vaccination + BLS \(1.30pm -5pm\)](#)

Discount Code: use 'CPWY25' at checkout to receive 25% off your booking.

Can't Make Halifax? The discount code can also be used for training sessions in other locations, including Manchester, Birmingham and London, subject to availability. Further information on available courses can be found [here](#).

Important note: the inclusion of this information should not be interpreted as an endorsement by CPWY of either the training provider or the courses offered. The information is being shared solely for the benefit and awareness of pharmacy contractors.

Reminder – NMS Change to Monthly Caps

The New Medicine Service (NMS) monthly consultation cap is now based on 0.9% rather than 1.0% of monthly prescriptions. This change is part of the 2026/27 CPCF settlement and applies to activity conducted from this month (June 2026).

Leeds ENT Assessment Service – Final Reminder

The Leeds ENT Assessment Service has now ended and will be removed from PharmOutcomes at the end of June. If you have any outstanding consultations or provisions that have not yet been recorded, please ensure they are submitted as soon as possible, no later than **30th June 2026**. Once the service is removed from PharmOutcomes, it will no longer be possible to record activity or submit claims for provisions delivered under this service. **Please review your records and complete any outstanding submissions before the deadline.**

Community Pharmacy Feedback Required – Seasonal Vaccination Service Evaluation 2025/26

Representatives from the NHSE Regional Immunisation Team attended the most recent CPWY Committee meeting to provide an update on local Flu and COVID Vaccination Programmes. The meeting also provided an opportunity to highlight the expertise, capacity, and willingness of community pharmacy teams to support the delivery of a wider range of vaccination services in the future.

The NHSE Regional Team is now seeking feedback on the 2025/26 winter vaccination season, as well as insights to help shape planning for 2026/27, and we have been asked to circulate the survey [here](#). We encourage all community pharmacies to please complete this survey to ensure your experiences and views are represented and hopefully, help inform future flu and COVID campaigns. **The deadline for completion of the survey is tomorrow (19th June 2026)**. Thank you.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

A Blog From Solomon Abuede – Independent Prescribing

Thinking about becoming an Independent Prescriber? NHS-funded places are currently available for pharmacists who meet the criteria.



At CPWY, we're running a series of updates to support anyone who is thinking about starting their own IP journey. Whether you're already preparing your application, still weighing up your options, or simply curious about what the training involves, we want to help you feel informed, supported, and confident. See the document [here](#) which details the steps to take if this is something you are interested in.

Our next blog, written by Solomon Abuede, explains how his IP qualification transformed what his pharmacy group (Midway Pharmacy) could offer and gives encouragement to those interested in becoming an IP. **Read Solomon's blog [here](#).**

Is Independent Prescribing of interest to you? If so, register for our upcoming webinar on Tuesday 30th June 2026, 7–8pm! Solomon will be in attendance as one of our 5 expert speakers and the webinar will cover practical advice, real-world insights and next steps for your IP journey. Full details [here](#).

This webinar will be recorded. If you are unable to attend on the evening, please still register and the recording will be shared with you after the event. Any questions you have in advance will help us tailor this event to meet your requirements. You can submit questions when registering.

Confirmed Measles Cases in Kirklees

Kirklees Council has recently written to all GP practices to provide an update on confirmed and probable cases of measles in the area. This information was then shared with Kirklees pharmacies on 11th June by the West Yorkshire ICB (sent via the pharmacy shared NHSmail), to ensure awareness of the current local situation.

GPhC Advice for Newly Qualified Prescribing Pharmacists

The GPhC has published new advice [here](#) for pharmacists who will join the register as independent prescribers from summer 2026. This guidance is particularly relevant to newly qualified pharmacists, employers, supervisors, and any teams preparing to integrate prescribing into day-to-day practice.

The advice clarifies expectations around scope of practice, supervision, governance, and safe prescribing. It is a useful resource for contractors and managers planning how best to support early career prescribers, and for colleagues who want to understand how prescribing will be embedded safely within community pharmacy settings.

This marks an important step in shaping the future workforce and will help organisations across West Yorkshire prepare for the opportunities and responsibilities that come with pharmacists prescribing from day one.

Future Leaders and Innovators Programme (FLIP)

This programme is a new, fully funded 18-month development opportunity designed to build confident, capable leaders who can drive meaningful change. The programme combines a Level 4 Associate Project Manager apprenticeship with an ILM Level 5 Certificate in Leadership & Management, equipping participants with practical project delivery skills alongside strong leadership capability.

Applications are now open, with limited fully funded places available. Colleagues are encouraged to submit an expression of interest early to secure a place on this exciting development opportunity.

See more information in the flyer [here](#). Expressions of interest can be submitted [here](#).

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**
 - [CPWY Webinar – Your Path to Independent Prescribing](#)
- **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.*

