

Happy Birthday NHS! 🇬🇧 ❤️

As the NHS celebrates 78 years on Sunday (5th July), we're recognising the contribution of community pharmacies across West Yorkshire. Community pharmacy plays a crucial role in the NHS journey, delivering care close to home and supporting patients when they need it most. Thank you to our teams for everything you do.

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Services Information

MenB Vaccination Service Updates

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published the [Patient Group Direction \(PGD\)](#) for the NHS MenB Vaccination Service, alongside [new guidance](#) and [training slides](#) to support teams delivering the programme.

Although the deadline for service registration is 20th July, pharmacy owners must register by 6th July 2026 if they would like to start offering appointments from the service start date. This is to ensure there is sufficient time for stock to reach the pharmacy.

Community Pharmacy England (CPE) has published a full suite of resources, including implementation checklists, team briefings, GP templates and promotional materials, to help you prepare for and promote the service. See [here](#).

CPWY & Primary Healthcare Development – MenB Vaccination Service Webinar

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We're pleased to share that we've partnered with [Primary Healthcare Development](#) to deliver a focused webinar on the Meningococcal B Vaccination Service. The webinar will provide a comprehensive overview of Meningococcal B disease, the vaccination programme, and the key clinical knowledge required to support service delivery.

With the new service commencing in a few weeks, this session offers a timely and valuable opportunity for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to strengthen their clinical knowledge and feel confident ahead of the launch.

This webinar is open only to pharmacy teams in West Yorkshire. If you are a Locum working within West Yorkshire, please state this on the registration form and enter the ODS code of the most recent West Yorkshire pharmacy you worked in.

Thursday 16th July 2026, 7–8.30pm via Zoom – [Book Your Place Here](#)

Upon submitting the registration form, you will receive the Zoom meeting link.

Please keep this link safe for the session.

*Please note: the session will be **delivered live** and no recordings will be made available. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. A Certificate of Attendance will be issued following the webinar. Full attendance is required in order to obtain your certificate.*

Primary Healthcare Development is handling the registrations of this webinar. Please add infoPrimaryHD@gmail.com as a safe sender, as attendance certificates will be sent from this address.

NHS Leeds ASC Service – New Patient Information Leaflet

A new [patient information leaflet](#) has been developed to help pharmacy teams explain the NHS Leeds Access to Self-Care (ASC) Service and support conversations with patients about the service, including eligibility criteria.

Changes to the service came into effect in April 2026, and children under the age of 16 are no longer automatically eligible to access the scheme. The leaflet has been designed to help communicate these changes clearly and support discussions where patients may not meet the eligibility criteria. The leaflet can be downloaded [here](#). For more information:

- A summary of the service changes is available [here](#).
- The updated ASC service specification is available [here](#).

Supporting Pharmacy Technicians to Deliver the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS)

A big thank you to all the pharmacy technicians who took the time to complete our recent training needs survey. Your feedback has provided valuable insight into the learning and development needs of our local pharmacy technician workforce and will help shape future support and training opportunities. We are currently exploring options to develop a bespoke workshop specifically for pharmacy technicians to support the delivery of the PCS. Further details will be shared as plans progress.

In the meantime, the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) has shared a range of resources that may be helpful for those interested in developing their knowledge and confidence in this area. These resources can be found below.

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| CPPE PGD Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PGDs: Empowering pharmacy technicians to provide services (online) 7–9pm – 2nd July & 1st September 2026• Pharmacy technicians: using patient group directions in practice: e-Learning• PGDs (Patient Group Directions): training guide and resources | CPPE PCS Resources <i>More events to come.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS)• Emergency contraception e-Learning• Emergency contraception online workshop – various dates |
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Blood Pressure Grants Opportunity in Leeds

Leeds City Council is inviting applications for funding to support local projects that raise awareness of high blood pressure and provide community blood pressure checks. Although the funding is primarily aimed at community and voluntary sector organisations, community pharmacies could collaborate with community organisations to co-bid for funding. Further information [here](#).

Interested in finding out more? For further information or to discuss the opportunity, please contact Lydia Robson at Lydia.Robson@leeds.gov.uk. If you wish to apply, please request an application form by emailing Lydia. The application deadline is 5pm on Friday 10th July 2026.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) Screening Questionnaire

The CPAF screening questionnaire is now open and is available to complete until 11:59pm on Friday 31st July 2026.

Completion of CPAF is a requirement of the Terms of Service. Therefore, pharmacy owners must complete the screening questionnaire and, if required, the full CPAF questionnaire.

The short screening questionnaire consists of 10 questions. Pharmacy owners will need to complete the questionnaire on the NHSBSA [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#). The questions have been published on the NHSBSA website [here](#) so that pharmacy owners can consider their answers before entering the online survey tool.

Community pharmacies should receive information and instructions on how to complete the screening questionnaire either via email from the NHSBSA or from their own Head Office. Pharmacy owners are advised to contact NHSBSA if they have not received the details or if they have any problems or queries completing the questionnaire: pharmacysupport@nhsbsa.nhs.uk.

A Blog From Elsa Levene – Independent Prescribing

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



At CPWY, we've been running a series of blogs to support anyone who is thinking about starting their own IP journey – see the full series [here](#). The document [here](#) details the steps to take if this is something you are interested in.

Our fifth and final blog is written by Elsa Levene where she talks about choosing the right course, the importance of a supportive DPP, and how to set yourself up for success on your IP journey. **Read Elsa's blog [here](#).**

Thank you to everyone who joined our Independent Prescribing webinar on Tuesday evening. The session was recorded, and CPWY is now preparing the final version for release. Please keep an eye out, the recording will be available very soon!

Reminder: Changes to Reporting Temporary Suspensions

A reminder that the **Manage Your Service (MYS) platform is now the only route** for notifying the ICB of temporary pharmacy suspensions or closures. Further information is available [here](#).

Please also remember that the **Terms of Service** requires all pharmacy contractors to have a business continuity plan in place to manage any temporary suspension of services (closure) resulting from illness or other circumstances beyond the contractor's control. This plan should be implemented whenever a temporary closure is necessary.

Contractors must ensure that patients continue to have access to their prescribed medicines and take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption. This includes putting arrangements in place, where practicable, to ensure that patients are not referred to the pharmacy for urgent directed pharmaceutical services, including Advanced and Enhanced services, while the pharmacy is temporarily closed.

CPE has produced a helpful checklist [here](#) for when a temporary suspension occurs.

CPD – Upskilling for Clinical Confidence (15th July)

Please see the flyer [here](#) providing details of a CPD Training Event taking place on Wednesday 15th July (9am – 5pm) at the Mercure Bradford Bankfield Hotel, Bradford Road, Bingley, BD16 1TU.

If you are interested, please see [here](#). The event is free to attend, but a log-in is required to register. You can create an account with Morph Consultancy [here](#).

The event will be hosted by Moudy Khodadi, Lead Pharmacist at Five Parks PCN.

Community Pharmacies May see Patients Presenting a Charlie Card

The [card is a self-advocacy tool](#) for people who find themselves without their regular anti-seizure medication. While the card can support conversations, it does not replace the pharmacist's professional judgement. It's important to remain aware of the critical need for timely access to anti-seizure medicines, while still making a safe, clinically informed decision about whether an emergency supply is appropriate.

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**
 - [MenB Vaccination Service Webinar](#) – delivered in collaboration with Primary Healthcare Development.
- **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.

