

Services Information

MenB Vaccination Service Updates

CPWY & Primary Healthcare Development Webinar – Next Week

In partnership with [Primary Healthcare Development](#), we are delivering a webinar that will provide a comprehensive overview of Meningococcal B disease, the vaccination programme, and the key clinical knowledge required to support service delivery.

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Thanks to the fantastic level of interest, we've increased the registration limit as the session was close to being fully booked. This webinar will **not** be recorded, so if you are interested, please register as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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.

IT Platform

All pharmacies providing the service will be required to record vaccinations using the Record A Vaccination Service (RAVS). If you haven't used RAVS before, you can register [here](#). **RAVS is the only platform that can be used to record the MenB vaccine** and CPWY recommends all pharmacies planning to deliver this service should register for RAVS now.

Other IT Requirements

Pharmacies will require access to several different systems, including the National Booking Service (NBS), Manage Your Appointment (MYA), Federated data platform (FDP) and NHS Profile Manager.

CPE has provided a very useful checklist for pharmacy owners which is worth going through to ensure you have everything ready in preparation for the start of the service on 20th July 2026. Access the checklist [here](#).

Needles

Pharmacy owners providing the service are responsible for the supply of suitable needles to be used with the pre-filled syringes of 4CMenB vaccine. The UKHSA has advised that a **25mm 23 gauge (blue hub) or 25mm 25 gauge (orange hub) needle** should be used.

Flu Vaccination Services Updates

NHS England has published the operational letter for the 2026/27 Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme, setting out its initial three-year ambitions for vaccination uptake across eligible patient groups.

The National Booking Service (NBS) will open earlier than in previous years, **from 17th August 2026 until 31st March 2027**, following feedback from pharmacy owners.

NHS England has also published the agreed 2026/27 Childhood Flu Vaccination Service specification, following the recent expansion of eligible cohorts and an increase in the service fee.

See more information [here](#).

Pharmacy First Round Up

Conjunctivitis – Are You Missing Out on Minor Illness Referrals? Several practices have told us that they have been advised not to refer children under the age of two with suspected conjunctivitis to Pharmacy First, due to the licensing restrictions on the OTC supply of chloramphenicol for this age group.

While it is correct that chloramphenicol cannot be supplied OTC to children under two years of age, this should not prevent pharmacies from accepting appropriate Pharmacy First referrals. Have a look at this [RCGP information on conjunctivitis](#) and the [West Yorkshire Healthier Together website](#) which advise that most cases of acute conjunctivitis are self-limiting and can be managed with self-care advice, including regular bathing of the affected eye. Antibiotic eye drops are generally only recommended if symptoms persist for around two weeks or in specific clinical circumstances, as they provide only a minimal reduction in the duration of symptoms. Community pharmacies therefore have an important role in assessing patients, providing reassurance and self-care advice, identifying red flags, and referring onwards where clinically appropriate.

This is covered in our [Pharmacy First Clinical Myth Buster](#).

Managing Pharmacy First Referrals During a Temporary Closure - In exceptional circumstances, pharmacies may be temporarily unable to provide Pharmacy First consultations, for example due to an unexpected closure or the absence of the pharmacist. (Please remember that any temporary suspension or closure must be reported to the ICB in line with the contractual requirements – see [here](#)).

To prevent referrals to Pharmacy First, it is important that your pharmacy is removed from the live list of providers for the duration of the closure. As soon as you become aware that you are unable to provide the service, please contact the NHS Directory of Services (DoS) Provider and Commissioner Helpline on 0300 0200 363 as soon as possible. You should also let your local GP practices know to prevent them making further referrals.

25% Discount Available on Training to Support You with Pharmacy First Clinical Consultations - We've secured a 25% discount for all West Yorkshire pharmacy contractors on some upcoming training sessions taking place in West Yorkshire.

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

Upcoming Training Dates:

- 04/07/2026: [MSK advanced Physical Examinations \(10am-1pm\)](#)
- 01/08/2026: [Pharmacy First Clinical Examination Skills \(1.30-5pm\)](#)
- 26/09/2026: [ENT Advanced Physical Examinations \(10am - 1pm\)](#)

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.

Referral Pathway for Calderdale to Support the Pharmacy Contraception Service

Where appropriate, consultations should provide additional support and advice, and you may need to signpost or refer the person accessing your service to another healthcare provider e.g. for the fitting of a Cu-IUD or access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC).

To support this process, the Calderdale Sexual Health Service has developed a [referral form](#) for community pharmacies to refer Calderdale patients directly to their service. Completed referral forms can be sent securely via NHSmail to SexualHealthServices@cht.nhs.uk.

This referral form, along with signposting information for other local areas, is available on the Pharmacy Contraception page of our website [here](#).

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

CPWY Independent Prescribing Webinar – Recording

Thank you to everyone who joined our IP webinar last week. Following the session, CPWY has produced and published an FAQ document [here](#) along with the webinar presentation [here](#).

If you missed the session, or want to revisit the brilliant insights shared, you can now watch the full recording [here](#).



We hope these resources help support those on their IP journey!

CPE Webinar – Pharmacy Regulations: Opening Hours (20th July at 7.30pm)

Community Pharmacy England (CPE) will be hosting a webinar suitable for pharmacy owners on the regulatory provisions and issues around pharmacy core and supplementary opening hours. The session will explain the current requirements, notifications and applications, market entry issues around opening hours, explain how ICBs and NHS Resolution are assessing applications/appeals, and provide practical guidance on the evidence to include with applications.

- Monday 20th July 2026, 7.30–9pm – [Book here](#)

Reminder! CPAF Screening Questionnaire

The CPAF screening questionnaire 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.

Intro to the New CVD Modern Service Framework

The newly published [NHSE Modern Service Framework for Cardiovascular Disease](#) sets out a national shift toward a cardio-kidney-metabolic (CKM) model, bringing together cardiovascular, renal and metabolic risk in one integrated pathway. It's a strategic move that emphasises prevention, early detection, medicines optimisation and rehabilitation throughout the whole patient journey.

Why this is interesting for community pharmacy?

This framework aligns closely with what community pharmacy already does well – identifying risk early, optimising treatment, supporting adherence, and providing accessible lifestyle and behavioural support. It also strengthens the case for pharmacy involvement in CKM pathways, independent prescribing, lipid optimisation, hypertension case-finding, and ongoing rehabilitation support. With West Yorkshire featured as a national case study, and Dr Rani Khatib involved in its development, the region is well-placed to lead the way.

Self-Care Awards: Showcase your Community Pharmacy Success

The [Self-Care Forum's Self-Care Awards](#) are now open for entries. The awards celebrate the most inspiring self-care initiatives across the UK – from Pharmacy First and community pharmacy-led health interventions to social prescribing, community groups, mental wellbeing programmes, and innovative health education projects.

Open to all, the [Self-Care Awards](#) shine a national spotlight on work that empowers people to improve their health and wellbeing. If your community pharmacy team is helping people build confidence, improve health literacy, or practice every day self-care, apply today. The deadline for entries is **31st July 2026**.

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.

