

Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)

PQS Aspiration Payment Window Open!

The PQS Aspiration Payment window is now open and will close at **11:59pm on 28th July 2026**.

Pharmacy owners can submit their Aspiration Payment claim via the [NHSBSA Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#) and indicate which domains they intend to achieve before the end of the declaration period. Aspiration Payments will be made on 1st September 2026.

Please see the Community Pharmacy England (CPE) website for more information [here](#).

Services Information

MenB Vaccination Service Updates

Last Chance to Book! CPWY & Primary Healthcare Development Webinar – This Evening

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.

Although we've increased the registration limit, places are still limited and the registration form will automatically close once the webinar is fully booked. The webinar will NOT be recorded.

See details and how to register [here](#).

Last Chance to Register for the Service!

Pharmacy owners who plan to start offering the service which commences on Monday (20th July 2026) **must register for the service by the commencement date**. A separate registration is required for each pharmacy site. See more information [here](#). *Registrations received after the deadline will not be accepted and pharmacies will not be able to provide the service.*

Vaccine Allocation and Ordering Guidance

NHS England published guidance [here](#) on the Futures website (log-in required) for pharmacy owners regarding the allocation and ordering of the vaccine to be used in the service. The guidance explains how vaccine will be allocated, ordered and delivered to pharmacies and includes the steps which must be taken before vaccine orders can be placed.

Patient Eligibility

CPWY has put together a 2-page document for pharmacy teams which focuses on patient eligibility and information if a patient has had previous doses. See [here](#).

VirtualOutcomes – MenB Service e-Learning Module

This module will help you and your team recognise the symptoms of Meningococcal Disease, understand the requirements of the service and how to deliver them, how to promote the service to the eligible cohort and how to claim for the service. See more information in the flyer [here](#).

Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) Updates

New CPWY Resource – Key Timing Considerations for Oral Contraceptives

To support pharmacists and pharmacy technicians delivering the service, we have developed a new resource covering the key timing considerations for oral contraceptives. We encourage you to take a look, (see [here](#)), as it provides a practical guide to support clinical decision-making and service delivery.

Reminder: Ensuring Timely Access to Emergency Contraception

We recently received feedback regarding a young person who attended a Leeds PCS pharmacy for oral emergency contraception (EC). Unfortunately, they were advised that they would need to pay for the medication because the pharmacist was unable to use the IT system to record the supply. As a result, the individual left without receiving EC.

This serves as an important reminder that, where a pharmacy is unable to provide EC, the pharmacist (or pharmacy technician) remains responsible for ensuring that the individual's needs are appropriately met. This may include referring the person to an alternative provider that is able to supply EC, after confirming that the service is available and accessible. Consideration should also be given to the urgency of the individual's clinical need and whether they can reasonably obtain treatment from the alternative provider within the required timeframe. To support continuity of care, pharmacy owners should ensure that business continuity plans include up-to-date information on alternative local providers and that all relevant team members know how to access this information when required.

Important Reminder: Contraception and Tirzepatide (Mounjaro)

With the increasing use of tirzepatide (Mounjaro) for weight management, both through NHS prescribing and private services, it is important that pharmacy teams routinely ask patients accessing contraception services about any injectable medicines they may be using.

Tirzepatide can reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives, making it essential that patients are provided with appropriate advice to support informed contraceptive choices. Patients taking tirzepatide should be advised to use an additional barrier method of contraception or consider a suitable non-oral contraceptive option, in line with current clinical guidance. The following resources may be helpful:

- [Patient Information Leaflet – GLP-1 agonists and Contraception](#)
- [CoSRH Statement & Recommendations – GLP1 Agonists & Contraception](#)

Free Digital Stop Smoking Support Available Through the Smoke Free App

A Smoke Free app has been commissioned by the ICB and Yorkshire Cancer Research as part of the **Yes to Quit Campaign** and is available free of charge to anyone who smokes across Yorkshire. The app offers a comprehensive digital stop smoking service, providing users with access to:

- *NRT.*
- *Vape products.*
- *POM treatments, including varenicline and cytisinicline (where clinically appropriate).*
- *Direct delivery of stop smoking products to the patient's home.*
- *Ongoing support from trained stop smoking advisors via live chat, available seven days a week.*

This service provides an additional option for patients wishing to quit smoking and complements the support already available through local stop smoking services. Pharmacy teams are asked to familiarise themselves with the offer and consider promoting it to eligible patients where appropriate. An information flyer [here](#) is available to support conversations with patients and raise awareness of the service.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

Action your Unpaid Items on the MYS Portal

Latest NHSBSA data shows there are over 194,000 unpaid or referred back (RB) items awaiting action by pharmacy owners, with an estimated £1.55 million in reimbursement tied up. Many of these items are due to expire within the next month.

Pharmacy teams are encouraged to regularly check the 'Unpaid items' tab on the MYS portal and submit any outstanding items promptly for payment. See more information [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.

Important Reminder for Prescribers: Legami Pens

For anyone unfamiliar, Legami pens are the colourful novelty erasable pens that have become increasingly popular. If you are a prescriber, please avoid using Legami or any erasable/heat-sensitive pens when writing prescriptions. These pens use thermo-sensitive ink, which can fade or disappear, especially if prescriptions are passed through a laser printer during the endorsing process.

To ensure prescriptions remain clear, permanent and compliant, please use a standard indelible ink pen for all hand-written prescriptions.

Updated Guidance on Adrenaline Auto-Injectors for Schools

From September 2026, all schools in England will be legally required to hold spare adrenaline auto-injectors (AAs) and ensure staff are trained to recognise and respond to allergic reactions. This change follows updated statutory guidance published by the Department for Education – see [here](#).

What this Means for Community Pharmacies

Pharmacies may see an increase in requests from schools for spare AAs over the coming months as they prepare for implementation. These requests are lawful and expected – schools are permitted to obtain AAs for emergency use under existing Human Medicines Regulations.

How Pharmacies can Support Schools

- **Supply AAs against a valid requisition:** Schools must provide a written requisition on *headed paper* signed by the principal or headteacher. Pharmacies **do not need to label** the product, as it is not being supplied to an individual patient.
- **Record-keeping requirements:** Although the product does not require labelling, pharmacies **must make an entry in the Private Prescription Register**. The entry should include:
 - *Name, strength and quantity of AA supplied.*

- *Date of supply.*
- *Price charged.*
- *Name of the school A copy of the school's requisition letter should be retained with the register entry.*
- **Stock management and communication:**
 - Ensure teams are aware of the updated guidance and the expected increase in requests.
 - Support schools by advising on appropriate quantities and expiry date monitoring.

Template Requisition Letter for Schools

To make the process easier, pharmacies may provide schools with a template they can adapt. The Department for Education hosts a template [here](#) (scroll to the "Annex A – Template letter from headteacher" section).

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.

