

Services Information

MenB Vaccination Programme Off to a Strong Start

NHS England has reported an excellent early response to the MenB Vaccination Programme delivered through community pharmacies, with almost 90,000 first doses administered nationally during the first two weeks of the service.

Whilst we are not yet able to publish the figures for West Yorkshire, we are pleased to report that community pharmacies across the region have made an outstanding start. This is particularly encouraging given the later rollout of the programme and the fact that many eligible students are currently enjoying their summer break. A huge thank you to every pharmacy team involved.

Spotlight on Success

Medicare Chemists in Huddersfield recently collaborated with a local college to host a successful MenB Vaccination Clinic which targeted Year 13 students – see the “Sharing Success” piece [here](#).



The clinic also attracted regional media coverage, with ITV Calendar News attending to help raise awareness of meningococcal disease and the importance of vaccination. Watch [here](#).

A huge thank you to the Medicare team.

Keep the Momentum Going

There is still a significant opportunity to increase uptake over the coming weeks, and community pharmacies are ideally placed to make a real difference. Community Pharmacy England (CPE) has developed a [checklist for promoting the service](#) with practical ideas, including ways to engage with local secondary schools.

With universities and further education colleges about to welcome thousands of new students, now is the perfect time to contact local education providers. Could you host a MenB vaccination clinic during Welcome/Freshers Week? This could be an excellent opportunity to reach eligible students before the new term begins and protect them as they start college or university life.

Work with Your Local GP Practice

If you have a good relationship with your neighbouring GP practice, please consider asking them to help promote the service by sending a text message to eligible students and their parents or carers. We will shortly be circulating a letter to practices which includes template text message wording to make this as easy as possible – see [here](#).

Please share this resource with your GP practice contacts and work together to maximise awareness and vaccination uptake across your local community.

Practical Reminders & Updates

- **Eligibility** – use the [UKHSA eligibility flowchart](#) to help assess eligibility for vaccination.
- **Find a pharmacy finder** – the [Find a MenB pharmacy](#) enables students to find participating pharmacies and view opening times. Pharmacies do not need to take any action in Profile Manager to appear on the finder. As the Profile Manager does not support displaying walk-in clinic times, participating pharmacies are not required to upload this information. Inclusion is managed centrally and all pharmacies that have registered and completed the necessary steps to receive stock will be published. Updates are made regularly.

Reminder Notice for Providers of the Calderdale & Kirklees Head Lice Services

Pharmacies delivering the Head Lice Service in Calderdale or Kirklees are advised to review the financial viability of providing this service. Despite representations from CPWY, the service has not been reviewed for several years, and reimbursement fees for products have remained unchanged since 2019. Current reimbursement rates are:

- Hedrin Lotion 50ml – £3.28
- Hedrin Lotion 150ml – £7.62

If your pharmacy provides this service you are strongly advised to review the current cost of products supplied through this service and assess whether these costs are adequately covered by the reimbursement available. Where reimbursement rates no longer meet the cost of supply, pharmacies may wish to consider temporarily pausing service delivery until further review. Patients who would normally be eligible for the scheme (for example, those exempt from prescription charges) should be signposted to their GP for a prescription IF they are unable to purchase treatment themselves.

Spectrum's "Your Summer, Sorted" Campaign – Wakefield

This summer, Spectrum Sexual Health Services is encouraging people to make looking after their sexual health part of getting summer ready.

Through their Your Summer, Sorted Campaign, Spectrum is asking Wakefield pharmacies to support their campaign to raise awareness of STIs, promote safer sex, share information about the C-Card scheme and encourage people to access their self-testing kits and other sexual health services.

Pharmacy teams are asked to spread these important messages by:

- Displaying campaign posters and promotional materials in the pharmacy (see [here](#)).
- Sharing campaign content across your social media channels.
- Following Spectrum on social media and liking, sharing or reposting their campaign messages to help them reach more people:

X (Twitter): @spectrumcicsh	TikTok: @spectrumcicsh	Instagram: @spectrumcicsh	Facebook: @spectrumcicsh
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Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

On-demand – Stress Management and Building Resilience Workshop

As part of their work with Pharmacist Support, Community Pharmacy England (CPE) has arranged for the on-demand Stress Management and Building Resilience Workshop to be available until 5th September 2026.

The Stress Management and Building Resilience workshop facilitated by [Pharmacist Support](#), provides a deeper dive into wellbeing and looks at how to build resilience. It provides techniques for dealing with feelings of pressure including cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and encourages participants to identify and build on strengths. It explains the advantages of positive thinking and self-reflection, in addition to providing tips to enhance resilience and wellbeing.

All members of the pharmacy team can access the on-demand workshop on the CPE website [here](#).

Pharmacist Enhanced Practice Pathway: Supporting Newly Qualified Prescribers

A new NHS-funded pilot programme will support this year's newly qualified pharmacists as they begin practising as independent prescribers (IPs).

The Pharmacist Enhanced Practice Pathway, delivered by NHS England, the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) and the Royal College of Pharmacy, offers structured support including educational supervision, online learning, workplace-based development and an e-Portfolio. For more information, click [here](#).

NHS England Publish IP Guidance

NHS England has published guidance on assuring CPCF clinical services and commissioning NHS prescribing services in community pharmacies.

A professional assurance framework sets out best practice for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians delivering NHS-commissioned clinical services, while separate guidance supports ICBs commissioning prescribing services from community pharmacies in England. For more information, click [here](#).

Pharmacist Feedback Wanted

A clinical pharmacist and a participant in the NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme is currently working on a project looking at the challenges pharmacies face when medications are out of stock, and is seeking feedback from pharmacists across all sectors.

Your insights will help better understand the current challenges and assess whether a shared medication stock platform could provide value for patients and pharmacy teams.

If you wish to get involved and complete a questionnaire, please contact Basma Saed at be640@hotmail.com. The questionnaire should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**
 - *Event details will be posted here when published.*
- **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.

