

Services Information

Hypertension Case-Finding Service

Following the [publication of the updated service specification](#), which comes into effect on 3rd September 2026, we thought now would be a great time to share a few key reminders and practical tips to help pharmacy teams deliver the service smoothly:

- **ABPM Equipment – Every Pharmacy Needs its Own Device**

All pharmacies providing the service must have their own Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM) device. The sharing of ABPM devices between sites does not meet this service requirement as each participating pharmacy must have its own device.

If your ABPM equipment is temporarily unavailable and you are therefore unable to offer the full service, please remember to update your pharmacy's NHS website profile via NHS Profile Manager to temporarily remove the service from your service offer.

- **Patient Verification – Remember to Use PDS**

When providing the service, pharmacies must use the Personal Demographic Service (PDS) to attempt to verify the patient's details. This is an important step in helping to ensure that the correct patient information is recorded and reduces the risk of incorrect details being submitted.

- **Communicating with GP Practices**

A notification confirming provision of the service must be sent to the patient's GP practice on the day the service is provided or on the following working day. This will usually be sent as a structured message in real time via the NHS-assured IT system that you are using to provide the service. If there is a temporary issue with this system, the notification can instead be sent via NHSmail or in hard copy.

- **Having trouble sending notifications to a particular GP practice?**

If you use PharmOutcomes and are being asked to print and manually send the notification, it may be that the practice needs to verify its email address with PharmOutcomes. It is worth contacting the practice and asking them to check whether their email address has been verified to receive notifications from PharmOutcomes. If not, ask them to contact the PharmOutcomes helpdesk on 0345 450 6279 to request that they send the practice a verification email.

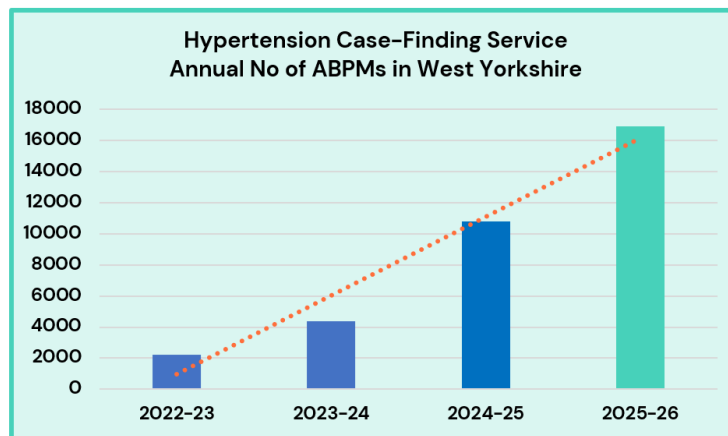
A few simple checks can make a big difference – taking a few moments to check patient details using PDS and the GP notification process can help avoid issues later and ensure patients receive a smooth and effective service.

Thank you to all our pharmacy teams for your continued work in delivering this important service and helping to identify people who may be at risk of hypertension. We hope these reminders are useful as we move into the updated service specification.

Record Number of ABPMs! 🎉

2025/26 ABPM data for West Yorkshire shows a 57% increase in delivery compared with the previous year – a fantastic achievement and a real reflection of the commitment of our pharmacy teams. A huge well done and thank you to everyone involved! 🙌

Let's keep the momentum going and aim for an even bigger increase in 2026/27!



Recording ABPM on PharmOutcomes for Patients Referred or Signposted by a Practice

As you may be aware, the CPWY team has been out and about visiting our pharmacy contractors, and it's been great to speak to so many of you and hear about your experiences of delivering the service.

One common theme that came up during our visits was that some pharmacies were unsure how to record ABPM activity on PharmOutcomes when a patient has been referred or signposted by their GP practice. If you're unsure about the process, please take a look at the guidance [here](#).

Changes to the Service from 3rd September 2026

There are several significant changes coming into effect from next month (Thursday 3rd September 2026) and all providers of the HCFS are advised to read the updated specification and familiarise themselves with the changes ahead of the implementation date – see [here](#).

MenB Vaccination Clinic in Huddersfield

You may have seen our recent [Sharing Success](#) story on the MenB Vaccination clinic ran by Medicare Chemists in Huddersfield who collaborated with a local college to target Year 13 students.

NHS North East & Yorkshire captured the MenB Vaccination Clinic on the day, and has now realised the short video which can be viewed [here](#).

The video features insights from Asghar Khan, Managing Director at Medicare, and our Head of Services, Lisa Meeks. 🙌

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

CPE's CPCF Services and Terms of Service (ToS) – Important Dates

CPE has updated their webpage with the latest key deadlines and milestones – see [here](#). With the end of August approaching, current highlights include the 31st August deadline for Childhood Flu Vaccination Service registration, as well as upcoming PQS criteria and other dates.

Please check the page regularly for the latest deadlines and requirements which can help your pharmacy team stay on track!

August 2026 Bank Holiday Pharmacy Opening Times v1

The August 2026 Bank Holiday pharmacy opening times which we have received from the West Yorkshire ICB can be found [here](#).

Important: please ensure that your pharmacy NHS Profile Manager is updated to reflect your Bank Holiday opening hours and where applicable your pharmacy website. The ICB has asked that pharmacies display the Bank Holiday Opening Times poster in the window, or somewhere that it can be viewed, to signpost patients / public to the nearest open pharmacy during the Bank Holiday period.

August 2026 Bank Holiday Leaflet for Patients on Methadone and Subutex

A leaflet has been produced [here](#) which you may wish to use to help inform patients who pick up regular instalments for methadone and Subutex of your opening hours over the August Bank Holiday period.

CPPSG – Bank Holiday Resources – The Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group (CPPSG) has released two resources aimed at supporting community pharmacy teams with Opioid Treatment Programmes:

- [“Focus on Methadone” video resource](#) – designed for community pharmacy professionals. The video provides practical hints and tips to support the safe supply of methadone through an opioid treatment programme, reinforcing best practice standards across the sector.
- [Bank Holiday checklist](#) – to aid pharmacy teams delivering opioid treatment programmes before, during and after Bank Holidays.

Other patient safety resources can be found on the CPPSG Resource Hub [here](#).

New TARGET Antibiotics Resources for UTIs

To support healthcare professionals, patients and carers, TARGET has published a range of new and updated resources designed for use across GP practices, pharmacies, care homes and community settings, which support accurate diagnosis, promote antimicrobial stewardship, increase awareness of UTI prevention, and help people recognise the signs and symptoms of a potential UTI.

These resources include:

- [TARGET Urine Sample Collection Leaflets](#)
- [New additions to the UTI Communications Toolkit to support prevention and awareness in older adults](#)

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.

