

Deadline Extended! – Independent Prescribing Survey

CPWY in collaboration with West Yorkshire ICB, has created a survey to gather information on Independent Prescribing within the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF). The insight you provide will help us understand how best to support contractors, identify common needs, share learning, and ensure the workforce is ready for the changes coming soon.

We emailed a reminder to pharmacies via their shared NHSmail address yesterday afternoon (Wednesday 9th September 2026). We'd really appreciate your input **by Monday 21st September 2026** if you haven't yet had the opportunity to respond. *If your pharmacy has already completed the survey, no action is required.* Thank you in advance! 🙌

Services Information

Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) Updates

Supporting Pharmacy Technicians: Clinical Skills & PCS Training Day – Following our recent survey of pharmacy technicians, CPWY is delighted to be offering a full day's bespoke training designed specifically for pharmacy technicians working across West Yorkshire.



The training will focus on developing clinical skills and confidence, helping pharmacy technicians prepare for expanded roles and supporting more technicians to become involved in delivering the PCS. **Places are limited so please book as soon as possible to avoid missing out.**

Wednesday 7th October 2026 – 9.30am – 5pm
Snozone Yorkshire (Within Xscape), Colorado Way, Castleford, WF10 4TA
[Register Here!](#)

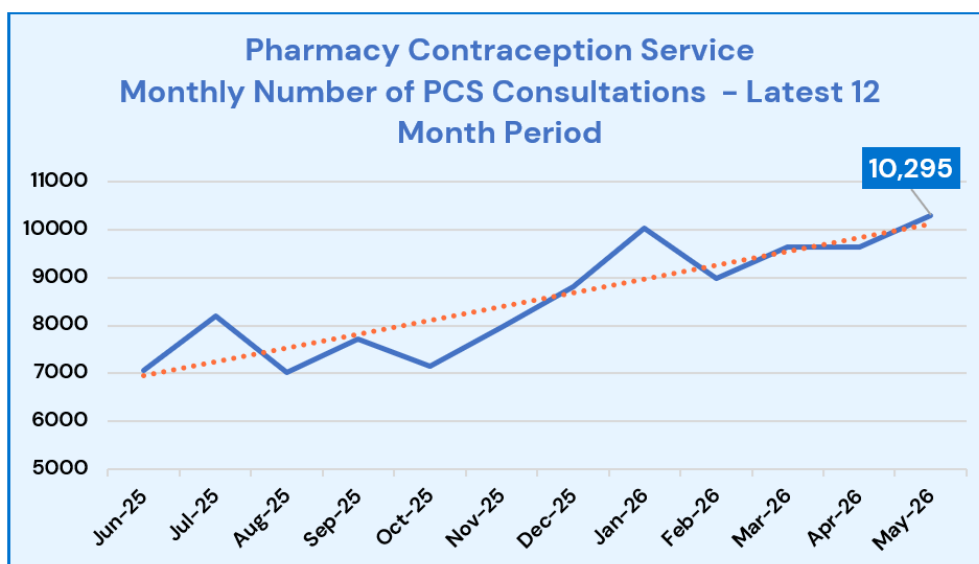
Registration and refreshments from 9am. The event will take place on the first floor. Parking at this venue is free of charge. Places are very limited and on a first come first serve basis.

Registration is required to attend this event and a separate booking must be made for each registrant. The event is open only to pharmacy technicians working in West Yorkshire. Photos and recordings may be taken at the event, if you do not want to be in any photos, please email info@cpwy.org after registering. If you need to cancel after registering, please email us so we can release your place.

See the flyer [here](#) for more details!

Pharmacy Contraception Service Continues to Grow – We're pleased to see continued growth in the number of consultations being delivered across West Yorkshire. The latest data, for May 2026, shows the highest number of PCS consultations delivered in a single month since the service launched. This is fantastic progress and reflects the important role community pharmacies are playing in improving access to contraception.





Keep the Conversation Going – Maintaining strong relationships with local GP practices is key to ensuring that patients continue to benefit from the service. Please continue to highlight the PCS to local practices:

- **Think about the wider team** – engage with the wider practice team (not just GPs). Practice nurses, clinical pharmacists, practice managers and reception staff can all help raise awareness of the service.
- **Share your success** – highlight the positive impact your service is having, from improving access to contraception to reducing appointments for the practice. How many people have been identified, who are now using regular contraception because of the joint work between your pharmacy and the practice? How many people were initiated onto an OC following an oral EC consultation?
- **Keep the conversation going** – ask for feedback. This will help strengthen relationships and reinforces the benefits of collaborative working.

Children's Flu Vaccination Service 2026/27

The Community Pharmacy Childhood Flu Vaccination Service will be introduced in stages from 1st October 2026, as follows:

- *Children aged 2–3 years (from 1st October).*
- *Children aged 2–17 years in a clinical risk group (from 1st October)*
- *Children and young people aged 16–17 years experiencing homelessness, as defined in the Green Book (from 1st October).*
- *Catch-up vaccinations for school-aged children from Reception to Year 11 (from 1st December).*

If you have not yet registered to provide the childhood flu vaccination service it's not too late, however, you will not receive the centrally procured vaccine in time for the start of the service.

Increasing Uptake – Last year, UKHSA data showed that almost 1.2 million children aged 2–3 years were eligible for flu vaccination, with an overall uptake of 44% (37% across West Yorkshire). Increasing uptake across West Yorkshire this year would be a fantastic achievement and will help protect more young children from flu and its complications.

Consider how your pharmacy can promote the service:

- Raise awareness through word of mouth, highlighting the service to all patients that come into your pharmacy with a child or to collect a prescription for a child.
- Consider contacting any local nurseries to highlight the availability of the service.
- Use your PMR system to identify children currently aged 2–3 years; for example, by reviewing PMR data from the past two years to find those who now fall within this age group. Once identified, consider sending text messages to parents or carers to inform them about the flu vaccination service.

- If your pharmacy is open at weekends, consider offering Saturday appointments via the National Booking Service (NBS) which may be more convenient for working parents.

For further ideas and practical tips, see the Community Pharmacy England case study on successful childhood flu vaccination services [here](#).

Add Your Appointments to NBS – If you haven't already done so, you can start adding childhood flu vaccination appointments through Manage Your Appointments (MYA). This will allow eligible patients and parents/carers to book appointments via the NBS. Appointment slots can be added for dates from 1st October 2026 onwards. NBS will manage access to appointments based on the child's age, eligibility and the relevant programme dates. This means that:

- Eligible 2–3-year-olds and children aged 2–17 years in a clinical risk group can access appointments from 1st October.
- School-aged children who are not otherwise eligible earlier in the programme will be able to access appointments from 1st December 2026, when their cohort opens.

Free Webinar – Monday 14th September 2026 – AstraZeneca, the manufacturer of the Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV), is offering a free one-hour flu masterclass which focuses on children's flu vaccination including how to administer the nasal spray vaccine.

- **Monday 14th September 2026 – 6–7pm** – [register here](#).

Resources to Help Promote the Service – A range of resources is available to help pharmacy teams promote childhood flu vaccination:

- **Leaflets:** *Protect Your Child Against Flu* – Information for Parents & Carers, is available to order or download in a range of languages. See [here](#).
- **Children's vaccination stickers:** Free stickers are available to order using product code SCHFLSTK via the [Health Publications website](#).
- **Posters:** *Five Reasons to Vaccinate Your Child Against Flu* is available in a range of languages. Order using product code FLU5RY24. See [here](#).

Discharge Medicine Service (DMS) Update – BTHT Referrals

We have been informed that Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (BTHT) is currently experiencing technical difficulties with its usual method of sending DMS referrals.

The Trust is working to resolve the issue. In the meantime, referrals from BTHT will be sent manually via NHSmail and will currently be limited to MDS patients.

Please remember to check your pharmacy NHSmail regularly to ensure that any DMS referrals are not missed.

Local NHS Trust Contact Information for Community Pharmacy Queries

The Local NHS Trusts Contact Information for Community Pharmacy Queries document has recently been updated. It includes contact details for community pharmacy queries, as well as the ODS codes for all local NHS trusts. The updated document is available on the CPWY website [here](#).

Calderdale Council Flu Vaccination Service – EOI Deadline

Reminder: Expressions of Interest close on Saturday 12 September 2026.

Calderdale pharmacies interested in providing the Calderdale Council Flu Vaccination Service this season are reminded to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) by 12th September 2026.

Before applying, please review the [service specification](#) to ensure your pharmacy can meet the requirements. You will then need to complete and return:

- The [EOI form](#) (see the final page of the service specification).
- The [contract](#), ensuring all required sections are completed.

Both documents should be returned to: Anna.Hartley@calderdale.gov.uk.

Leeds Supervised Consumption Service

The commissioner of the Leeds Supervised Consumption Service has confirmed that the current contract will be extended until the end of June 2027, and a contract variation letter has been issued accordingly – see [here](#).

There are no changes to the service arrangements as part of the contract extension, other than a small increase in the reimbursement fee for buprenorphine.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey Launches 14th September 2026

The [Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2026](#) will open for all community pharmacy contractors on Monday 14th September 2026. The NHS Business Service Authority will contact all NHS pharmacy contract holders when the survey is live with information on how to complete the survey and the deadline.

Ahead of the survey launch, we encourage contract holders to review their workforce records and identify the information they will need to complete their workforce survey. For more information about the survey, [click here](#).

Upcoming Community Pharmacy England (CPE) Webinars

Please see the links below to the upcoming webinars hosted by CPE.

- **Drug Tariff Part IX** – Tuesday 22nd September at 7.15pm – [click here](#) for more information.
- **Market Entry and Exit** – Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm – [click here](#) for more information.

NHS England Announces Funding Uplifts for Pharmacy Trainees

NHS England has announced funding uplifts for both foundation trainee pharmacists and trainee pharmacy technicians. Funding has increased to £28,196 per foundation trainee pharmacist and £15,769 per trainee pharmacy technician. The higher rates are being applied automatically to eligible sites, including backdated payments for current trainees and apprentices. Read more on the Community Pharmacy England website [here](#).

Pharmacy Education Update – September 2026

Please find the North East and Yorkshire Pharmacy Education Briefing for September 2026 [here](#). This update covers the latest in pharmacy workforce, training, and education and is brought to you by the School of Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation team.

Online Webinar: 10 Minute Contraception Consultations in Practice – 17th September 2026 at 7pm

Gedeon Richter are hosting a virtual evening event looking at case based scenarios exploring pregnancy risk assessment, emergency contraception, GLP1s, efficacy and adherence challenges in primary care.

See the event flyer [here](#). Anyone interested in attending this event, should email Lindsey Kendrick at kendrickl@gedeonrichter.com for the webinar link.

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**
 - CPWY Clinical Skills & PCS Training for Pharmacy Technicians – [click here](#).
- **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.

