

Happy World Pharmacists Day! ❤️

Tomorrow is World Pharmacists Day and we're celebrating the dedication and impact of community pharmacists and their teams across West Yorkshire. Your expertise, resilience and everyday care make a real difference to patients and to our wider NHS. Thank you for everything you do. 🙌

The CPWY Committee have recorded a [short message](#) wishing you a happy World Pharmacists Day.



Services Information

Responses Still Required – Independent Prescribing Survey

If your pharmacy plans to deliver Prescribing Services within the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF), completing this survey identifies you to the West Yorkshire ICB for follow-up and onboarding. *Even if you're unsure or do not intend to deliver, we still need your response so the ICB can understand readiness and future support needs.*

A reminder and survey link were emailed yesterday morning via shared NHSmail to pharmacies yet to respond. We would really appreciate it if you could complete the survey as soon as possible. Thank you for your support! 🙌

Community Pharmacy Prescribing Event: Preparing for Implementation in WY

CPWY and the NHS West Yorkshire ICB invite West Yorkshire contractors to a focused session on the introduction of Community Pharmacy Prescribing Services within the CPCF 2026/27. This event will provide clarity on national requirements, local processes, and the practical support available to help you prepare for safe, confident delivery. More information including the agenda can be found [here](#).

Places are filling up fast so please book as soon as possible to avoid missing out!

Wednesday 14th October 2026 – 7.15 – 8.45pm
Cedar Court Hotel Bradford, Rooley Lane, Bradford, BD5 8HW
[Register Here!](#)

Registration, food and networking from 6.30pm. The event will take place on the first floor. Parking at this venue is free of charge. However, attendees must enter their car registration on arrival.*

Registration is required to attend this event and a separate booking must be made for each registrant. The event is open to all West Yorkshire pharmacies. 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.

**This event is being sponsored by Nestle Nutrition and Health, and Preventx Ltd. Sponsors have had no influence on the agenda or input into the event.*



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Seasonal Vaccination Services – Pharmacies Must Use RAVS

From this Autumn, all NHS flu and COVID-19 vaccinations delivered by community pharmacies must be recorded using the NHS Record a Vaccination Service (RAVS). RAVS is the only approved system for recording these vaccinations.

Already registered with RAVS? – Before you start recording vaccinations, make sure you have added your flu and COVID-19 vaccine batches in the vaccines section.

Not yet registered? – You will need to set up a RAVS account. Register [here](#).

Important – NHS flu and COVID-19 vaccinations must no longer be recorded in PharmOutcomes or any other clinical IT system. All NHS vaccination activity must be recorded in RAVS.

COVID-19 vaccine deliveries have commenced this week ahead of the 1st October campaign start – Pharmacies that are providing COVID vaccinations should ensure that someone is available between 8am and 5pm on their scheduled delivery day, including during lunch closures, to avoid missed deliveries. Deliveries should now be reviewed on the [supply dashboard](#) to check that someone will be available to accept the delivery. Orders can be modified until 8am, two days before delivery; after this, they are locked.

COVID-19 PGD & VGD now published – Both the Patient Group Direction and Vaccine Group Direction have been published for the forthcoming autumn/winter 2026/26 programme. These can be downloaded [here](#).

Hypertension Case-Finding Service – Useful New Resource

Following recent changes to the service specification, CPE has produced a handy one-page guide for the pharmacy team outlining who is now eligible for the service. See:

- [Who is Eligible for the NHS Hypertension Case-Finding Service](#)

The updated HCFS specification includes several significant changes, so it's important that all pharmacy staff involved in delivering the service are familiar with the new requirements. Find everything you need to know on the CPE website [here](#).

A Reminder About ABPM Device Requirements – Every Participating Pharmacy Must Have Its Own ABPM Device to Provide the Service.

We appreciate this is a message we've shared before, but it's an important requirement to reiterate to ensure all pharmacies remain compliant with the service specification.

Sharing ABPM devices between pharmacy sites does not meet the service requirements. Each participating pharmacy must have a dedicated device available to deliver the full service.

If your ABPM device is temporarily unavailable, for example, while undergoing calibration or repair, the full service cannot be provided. In these circumstances, the pharmacy is expected to use NHS Profile Manager to temporarily remove the service offer from its pharmacy profile on the DoS and NHS.uk. Once the device is available and the service can be fully delivered again, the service offer should be reinstated.

Bradford Council Flu Vaccination Service – Closing Date for Applications is Next Week (30th September 2026)

A reminder that Bradford Council is looking for pharmacies to deliver its locally commissioned Flu Vaccination Service, helping to increase access to and uptake of flu vaccination among Bradford Council staff and staff working for Voluntary Community Sector organisations. Through the service, eligible staff will receive a voucher code and be encouraged to visit a participating community pharmacy for a free flu vaccination.

With approximately 8,500 Council staff potentially eligible, the service provides a valuable opportunity for community pharmacies to increase vaccination activity while generating additional income.

Contractors in Bradford have been sent a reminder about the service, so please check your pharmacy's shared NHSmail for further information.

The Bradford service specification and Expression of Interest (EOI) form are available [here](#).

Contractors wishing to provide the service need to complete and return the [EOI & Assurance Checklist](#) (pages 7–8, section 14) to jasbinder.sandhu@bradford.gov.uk.

Calderdale Council Flu Vaccination Service – Additional Pharmacies Required

Although the deadline for submitting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) has passed, the commissioner confirmed that late applications will still be considered.

Calderdale pharmacies interested in providing the Calderdale Council Flu Vaccination Service are therefore encouraged to get in touch and express their interest. The commissioner is particularly keen to hear from pharmacies based in Brighouse, Mixenden, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge and Todmorden.

If your pharmacy can support the service, please don't miss this opportunity to get involved. The service specification is available [here](#). To apply, please complete and return the:

- [EOI form](#) (see the final page of the service specification).
- [Contract](#)

Both documents should be returned to: Jo.Ngan@calderdale.gov.uk.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

Update on Anenta's Role in the Clinical Waste Contract Mobilisation

Anenta Ltd is acting as the ICB's managing agent for the new clinical waste contract, overseeing mobilisation, service management, and all contract-related functions. We are aware there has been issues around waste collections, scheduling collections etc, and we appreciate your patience while these are resolved.

How to contact Anenta – Please use the [Vector Portal](#) to log a service ticket (click "How can we help?"). This is the preferred route as phone lines can experience long wait times. However, this is the number if you prefer this route: 03301 222 143.

Following recent communication with Anenta, where we asked for clarity on some of their messages and service levels, Anenta asked us to remind pharmacy teams that only waste medication in its packaging should be placed in the waste bins. Prescription paperwork must be disposed of in the confidential waste bins.

We would recommend that you keep a copy of your correspondence with Anenta and if an issue remains unresolved, please escalate this issue including the correspondence to the ICB Primary Care mailbox for further support: wyicb.primarycare@nhs.net.

Pharmacy Clinical Training in Collaboration with DPP Support – September 2026 Onwards

The West Yorkshire Training Hub and DPP Support have launched a series of live webinars as well as live community of practice sessions.

Free NHS England-funded support for all aspiring prescribers, DPPs and qualified prescribers:

- Open to FTPs, intending prescriber trainees, DPPs and pharmacists who have completed their prescribing competencies.
- Designed to support safe, confident prescribing practice at every stage.

Webinars and communities of practice:

- Short, focused virtual sessions led by experienced pharmacists and GPs.
- Opportunities to collaborate with peers, share insights and discuss learning after each module.
- Flexible session times to fit around clinical practice and work commitments.

Practical, clinically relevant learning:

- Updates on current clinical guidelines and prescribing principles.
- Case-based discussions covering common conditions, including paediatrics, dermatology, respiratory care, pain and musculoskeletal conditions.
- Support with clinical consultation, decision-making and communication skills.

See the training flyer [here](#). See more information about the sessions available and register [here](#).

[DPPsupport.co.uk](https://dppsupport.co.uk) is a free, nationally supported service helping post-registration pharmacists and foundation trainee pharmacists find suitable Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs) to begin their Independent Prescribing (IP) training. The platform is part of an NHS England-supported directory designed to connect trainees with experienced prescribers and improve access to high-quality supervision. It also aligns with national expectations for safe, effective DPP supervision, supporting both trainees and supervisors.

[DPPsupport.co.uk](https://dppsupport.co.uk) is endorsed by the National Pharmacy Association, endorsed by NHS England, and fully funded through the NHS England Teach & Treat Programme, making it free at the point of access for all users.

Pharmacist Survey: Managing Burns in Children

The study explores community pharmacists' experiences and confidence in the clinical assessment, treatment and referral of burn injuries in children. With pharmacies being often the first point of contact for families seeking advice for minor burns, there is limited evidence describing current practice, confidence levels, and awareness of national burn referral guidelines.

The project is led by the University of Manchester, in collaboration with senior burns clinicians and pharmacy partners. The findings will support future training, guidance and service development relevant to community pharmacy and paediatric urgent care.

Complete the survey [here](#). More information can be found in the [Participant Information Sheet](#).

Training and Development

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

