

Sharing Success – CPWY at Freshers 🌟

The CPWY team has completed a very successful Freshers tour across West Yorkshire, speaking with **more than 800 students** about the services available through community pharmacy. These conversations play an important role in improving awareness, confidence and access to local healthcare. ❤️



Thank you to the University of Bradford, University of Huddersfield, University of Leeds, Leeds Beckett University and Leeds Trinity University for having us as part of your student welcome!

It was also great to connect and network with key local stakeholders, including Change Grow Live, Leeds Sexual Health and Locala Health & Wellbeing!

See the Sharing Success piece [here](#)!

Services Information

Event Full: Pharmacy Technician Event – Wednesday 7th October 2026

Our upcoming Clinical Skills & Pharmacy Contraception Training for Pharmacy Technicians is now fully booked and we are unable to accept any more new registrations. If you are interested in this event, please email info@cpwy.org as soon as possible and we will add you to our reserve list. More information about the event can be found on our website [here](#).

Getting Ready to Become a Prescribing Pharmacy: Webinar Tonight (1st October)

NHS England is hosting a webinar tonight, 6.30pm–7.30pm, to provide an update on the IT solutions that contractors will need to have in place to support the introduction of prescribing within selected Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework advanced services.

The webinar will cover key IT requirements, available digital options, implementation timelines and next steps for contractors. Pharmacy owners, pharmacists and other pharmacy colleagues are invited to attend. Book your place via the NHS England website [here](#).

Reminder: Community Pharmacy Prescribing Event: Preparing for Implementation in WY

This session hosted by CPWY and the West Yorkshire ICB focuses 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

Autumn/Winter Vaccination Campaign Gets Underway

The Autumn/Winter Seasonal Vaccination Campaign gets underway today, with community pharmacies playing a key role in protecting patients against COVID-19 and flu. Contractors registered to provide COVID-19 vaccinations can now begin delivering the service, while flu vaccinations for eligible adult cohorts can also commence. Pregnant women have been eligible for flu vaccination since 1st September.

We'd like to wish all contractors delivering the service a successful campaign and thank you for your continued support in protecting patients and communities across West Yorkshire.

Important Reminders

- Contractors are reminded that the JCVI preferred vaccines must be used for each patient cohort as confirmed in [Table 1](#) of the National Flu Immunisation Programme letter for 26-27. This [poster](#) also summarises the recommended vaccines for each eligible group.
- All NHS flu and COVID-19 vaccinations must be recorded using the NHS Record a Vaccination Service (RAVS). **RAVS is the only approved system for recording these vaccinations.**

Using RAVS

If you're new to RAVS, we recommend taking a few minutes to watch the RAVS training video, which provides a helpful overview of how to use the system: [RAVS Training Video](#).

Before recording any vaccinations, please ensure you have added your flu and COVID-19 vaccine batches in the 'Vaccines' section. This will help ensure vaccinations can be recorded correctly and without delay.

CPWY Resource

We have updated our Flu/COVID 2-sided "crib" sheet which lists eligibility criteria and recommended vaccines and may be helpful for anyone providing the service. This can be downloaded [here](#).

Make the Most of Every Patient Interaction

The winter vaccination season often brings patients into the pharmacy who may not visit regularly, including those who typically receive their medicines via delivery. These interactions provide a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of the wider range of services available through your pharmacy.

For example, use the opportunity to talk to patients about Pharmacy First, highlighting that they can access advice and treatment for a range of common conditions directly from the pharmacy.

COVID-19 Vaccination Service and Flu Vaccination Service Autumn/Winter 2026/27 – Adults			
Eligible Groups	COVID-19	Flu	JCVI Preferred Adult Influenza Vaccines (Reimbursable)
75 years or older	✓	✓	Offer aIV, iVv, IV-HD, or iVv.
65 to 74 years and immunosuppressed	✓	✓	
65 to 74 years – NOT immunosuppressed	X	✓	
Resident in a care home for older adults (as defined through CQC registration), irrespective of the individual's age	✓	✓	Aged 18 years and over
18 years to 64 years and immunosuppressed* as defined in tables 2 and 4 of the COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book	✓	✓	
18 to 64 years in a clinical risk group (not including immunosuppression which is covered above) - Pregnant women - Those in long-stay residential care homes - Household contacts of immunocompromised individuals - Careers - People experiencing homelessness - Frontline social care workers without an employer-led occupational health scheme including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those who are employed by individuals who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health Budgets, JAGs, Mental Health Act.	X	✓	
Aged 18 to 49 years iVv or iVv			
From 50 to 64 years aIV, iVv, IV-HD, or iVv *iVv licensed from 60 years but can be given off-label to those aged 50-59 years.			
Providers must ensure they follow the latest Service Specifications and PQDs for vaccine administration to eligible cohorts – see links			
Information in this guide was correct for the Autumn 26/27 campaign at the time of publishing but may be subject to change.			
NOTE: The egg-cultured influenza vaccine (iVv) should only be offered to those aged between 18 and 65 as part of the national programme in circumstances where preferred influenza vaccines (listed above) are not available to order.			

Consider having flyers and promotional materials readily available to support these conversations and help patients remember the services available to them.

CPWY has a patient-facing resource (pictured opposite) to help support these conversations and promote Pharmacy First. You can download the resource [here](#).



Children's Seasonal Flu Vaccination Service Now Underway

The Children's Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Service also launches today, with pharmacies registered to provide the service now able to administer flu vaccinations to eligible children and young people. From today, pharmacies providing this service can vaccinate:

- *All children aged 2 and 3 years.*
- *Clinically at-risk children aged 4–17 years.*
- *Young people aged 16 and 17 years who are in the people experiencing homelessness risk group.*

Please note that catch-up vaccinations for school-aged children (Reception to Year 11) cannot commence until 1st December 2026.

This [poster](#) summarises the recommended flu vaccines for children.

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

CPWY Annual Report 2025/26

CPWY has just published our Annual Report for 2025/26 which summarises the work we've done over the past year to strengthen, develop and support community pharmacy. Take a read through it [here](#).

First National Health Campaign Starts Soon!

The first 2026/27 national health campaign starts next week (Monday 5th October 2026).

All pharmacies will need to participate in the campaign, which focuses on the expectation that pharmacy staff are treated with respect so they can undertake their professional practice safely, and in the best interest of both patients and the people working in our pharmacies.

How to meet the requirements of the campaign

Pharmacy owners must promote the campaign to the public during the campaign period, **Monday 5th October 2026 to Sunday 25th October 2026** by promoting the campaign messages to the public, including any of the following:

- *Displaying posters relating to the campaign topics at the pharmacy;*
- *Information on your pharmacy's website; or*
- *Information posted on your pharmacy's social media channels.*

Pharmacy owners can use assets developed by NHS England [here](#) or CPE [here](#).

Patient Identifiable Details (PID) and the ICB

Just a reminder that community pharmacies should not share any PID with ICB staff unless expressly asked to do so. Staff at the ICB would not routinely access PID, unless specific to their role for direct patient care. Please be particularly careful where you are contacting shared mailbox team emails, even if these are NHS.net.

If you are unsure whether the data should be shared, please check with the relevant team in the first instance to check they are able to receive this. Should you share any data in error, we would advise that this is recorded as an Information Governance incident and that the [relevant forms](#) are completed.

Please ensure that you do not share any PID with CPWY too.

Stoptober Campaign Toolkit Available

Stoptober, the annual event, is back with an expanded range of campaign resources. Each year, the Stoptober campaign is supported by a range of partners, including pharmacy teams. It offers a great opportunity to promote smoking cessation services and support. Access the toolkit [here](#).



Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**
 - CPWY Clinical Skills & PCS Training for Pharmacy Technicians – *Event full!*
 - 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.

