



Sharing Success: West Yorkshire Freshers 2026!

The CPWY team had a busy and productive week across West Yorkshire, attending six Freshers Fairs at University of Bradford, University of Huddersfield, University of Leeds, Leeds Beckett University and Leeds Trinity University.

We engaged with **over 800 new students** about the range of services available through community pharmacy. As well as discussing Pharmacy First and the Pharmacy Contraception Service, the team also raised awareness of the MenB Vaccination Programme and eligible students were signposted to the NHS website, "Find a pharmacy that offers MenB", so that they could locate their nearest participating community pharmacy provider.

Many students were unaware of the range of services available through community pharmacy and welcomed the opportunity to stop and speak with us. They were particularly interested to learn more about Pharmacy First and how easy it is to access free oral contraception through pharmacies offering the Pharmacy Contraception Service.

It was great to see some local community pharmacies also attend the events, delivering MenB clinics to students for those who wanted to get vaccinated on the day.



A fantastic week of promoting community pharmacy. We were proud to be part of the welcome, making sure students know that their local pharmacy is here for them.



The events also provided valuable opportunities to connect and network with key local stakeholders, including Change Grow Live, Leeds Sexual Health and Locala Sexual Health, helping to strengthen relationships and explore opportunities for collaborative working.

We were also visited by The Lord Mayor of Leeds, Cllr Stephen Holroyd, who took time to hear how community pharmacy is supporting students to access quick, convenient healthcare.