

International Pharmacy Technician Day 2026 – Tuesday 20th October 2026 is International Pharmacy Technician Day! A day to recognise the hard work of all pharmacy technicians and to showcase their important role in the pharmacy team.

CPWY would like to say a huge thank you to all of our pharmacy technicians in West Yorkshire who work tirelessly and are an integral part of the team.



Services Information

Prescribing Within the CPCF – Further Information Published

Further guidance has been published to support the introduction of independent prescribing within the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF), planned for autumn. The newly available resources on the [NHS Business Services Authority \(NHSBSA\) website](#) include Prescription Management guidance and a new [Part VIF of the Drug Tariff](#), outlining payments associated with prescribing.

These documents build on guidance published earlier this year, including the [Professional Assurance Framework](#) and commissioning guidance for Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). Community Pharmacy England has updated its [Prescribing Within the CPCF webpage](#) with links to these latest documents and additional information highlighting key considerations. Pharmacy owners considering offering NHS prescribing services are encouraged to review the updated webpage to understand the requirements and plan the necessary preparations before signing up to provide these services.

New National Online Pathway to Support Headache Care

NHS England's Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme has launched the first national online pathway and decision-making tool for assessing and managing headaches in adults. The resource supports pharmacy and GP teams to deliver evidence-based care, with guidance on assessment, management and appropriate treatment options in line with national standards and may be particularly useful for pharmacists preparing to deliver the five prescribing-only pathways under Pharmacy First, as migraine is one of the included pathways. [Explore the GIRFT national headache pathway for adults here.](#)

There will be a **webinar on Wednesday 4 November 2026, 12.30pm–1.30pm**, hosted by Dr Niranjanan Nirmalanathan, GIRFT's joint clinical lead for neurology, to introduce the pathway and demonstrate how it can support clinical decision-making and evidence-based headache management. [Register for the webinar here.](#)

Pharmacy Clinical Training: Bitesize Sessions

Looking to strengthen your clinical skills and build confidence in consultations? The West Yorkshire Training Hub and DPP Support have launched a series of NHS-funded, interactive clinical training sessions for aspiring and qualified prescribers across West Yorkshire. Delivered live by a GP and Clinical Pharmacist, each one-hour session combines a 45-minute presentation with a 15-minute Q&A, focusing on developing practical clinical consultation and assessment skills.

Next session: Dermatology – Friday 23 October 2026 at 12pm. [Book your place here.](#)

Explore the full programme and upcoming sessions in the [training flyer](#).

Leeds Community Ambulatory Paediatric Service (CAPS) and Ambulatory Adult Respiratory Service (AARC) – Reopened

The Leeds Community Ambulatory Paediatric Service (CAPS) and Ambulatory Adult Respiratory Service (AARC) provide assessment and treatment for children and adults with acute respiratory symptoms. Based at Harehills Community Centre, (the paediatric service is also available at Windsor House Group Practice in Morley), these services provide same-day, face-to-face appointments following referral from a healthcare professional, offering timely access to appropriate care within a community setting.

Both escalation pathways have now reopened for Autumn/Winter 2026/27 and will be open until **31 March 2027**. All community pharmacies in Leeds have been emailed details of these services but details of these new pathways, including eligibility criteria and how to book, can be found via the links below:

- [Community Ambulatory Paediatric Service \(CAPS\)](#)
- [Ambulatory Adult Respiratory Service \(AARC\)](#)

Community pharmacies can consider referring eligible patients where the episode of care cannot be completed within the pharmacy and the acuity and/or complexity of the patient's symptoms requires onward referral. Referrals can be considered for:

- Children aged over 12 weeks and under 16 years who are registered with a Leeds GP and presenting with respiratory symptoms.
- Adults registered with a Leeds GP who are presenting with respiratory symptoms.

Please do offer these referral options to suitable patients; it complements the existing escalation (onward referral routes) available, and both CAPS and AARC will assist patients in accessing prompt and appropriate management of acute respiratory illness.

Supervised Consumption Service – Reporting Missed Doses of Opioid Substitution Treatment or Other Treatment Related Concerns in Bradford and Leeds

A new PharmOutcomes reporting template is now available for pharmacy providers in Bradford and Leeds to report missed doses of opioid substitution treatment (OST) and other treatment-related concerns. The template provides a convenient alternative communication channel for non-urgent reports, which are sent directly to the service commissioner. It can also be used to share information where no response is required.

The template must not replace direct verbal communication when significant safety concerns arise, such as three or more consecutive or titration doses being missed. For any concerns requiring an urgent response, please continue to contact the relevant service directly by telephone.

As highlighted in last week's Digest, Waythrough has also developed posters to help pharmacy teams identify when to report missed doses or contact the service about a service user. The posters include key reminders and relevant contact details for easy reference.

Download the relevant poster:

- Bradford: [Download here](#).
- Calderdale: [Download here](#).
- Leeds: [Download here](#).

Information for Pharmacies across West Yorkshire

Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2026/27 clinical services audit: data submission now open

The [Manage Your Service](#) data collection tool (log in required) for the [Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2026/27 clinical services audit](#) is now open. Contractors must submit their anonymised audit data by 11.59pm on 31 March 2027 to claim Domain 2 – Professional Practice.

Submissions can be saved and completed later, but only submitted data is eligible for payment. The audit requires at least 10 unique patients receiving NHS Pharmacy First clinical pathways consultations. As the [audit guidance](#) sets out, contractors can audit clinical records retrospectively for consultations delivered since 1 April 2026.

National pharmacy health campaigns 2026/27: reminder

Under the [Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework 2026/27](#), community pharmacy contractors must promote two national health campaigns. The first campaign runs from 5 October – 25 October 2026 and focuses on encouraging the public to treat pharmacy teams with respect so they can undertake their professional practice safely.

Contractors should be planning how they will promote this campaign using the materials available – including displaying posters or leaflets in the pharmacy, posting information online or in patient messages. Contractors can use [existing communications materials](#) developed by [NHS England](#) or [Community Pharmacy England](#).

Respiratory Tract Infections: Prescribing Perspectives –Free CPPE Workshop in Leeds, Sunday 25 October

Clinical assessment and reasoning skills have never been more important in pharmacy practice. CPPE are running a free workshop on Sunday 25 October 2026, 10:30am–12:30pm, at Village Hotel South, Leeds which is open to all pharmacy professionals.

If you've finished a respiratory tract infection consultation wondering whether your approach, clinical notes or decision making could be stronger, this workshop may be for you.

See [here](#) for further details including how to book on.

Training and Development

- **CPWY Events:**

Details of upcoming events will be available soon.

- **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.

