


Independent Prescribing (IP) is central to the future of community pharmacy and the wider NHS. With funded training now extended until **March 2027**, West Yorkshire has an extended window to build a confident, capable prescribing workforce ready for emerging clinical pathways and future national services.

**Why This Matters Now** – Pharmacist Independent Prescribers will be essential to delivering:

- New community-based clinical services.
- End-to-end patient care from assessment to prescribing.
- Reduced pressure on GP practices and urgent care.
- Improved access and outcomes for local populations.

West Yorkshire must move early to ensure our system is ready.

### What Pharmacists Can Do Today


**1. Apply for Fully Funded IP Training** – NHS England funding is available for course fees and supervision support until **March 2027**. Information and eligibility can be found [here](#). 

**2. Explore Approved University Providers** – Funded places are available across multiple universities, including:

- *University of Bradford*
- *University of Huddersfield*
- *University of Leeds*
- *University of Manchester*
- *UCLan (Lancashire)*
- *University of Sheffield*
- *University of Nottingham*

Cohorts fill quickly so early application is strongly encouraged.

**3. Secure a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP)** – A DPP is essential for enrolment. To support this process, pharmacists and employers can use the national DPP Support Tool [here](#).

 This resource provides:

- *Clear guidance on DPP responsibilities.*
- *Templates and supervision agreements.*
- *Advice on identifying suitable DPPs.*
- *Support for organisations hosting trainees.*

### What Employers and System Leaders Should Do

#### Enable and Encourage Your Workforce

- *Identify pharmacists ready for IP training.*
- *Support protected learning time.*
- *Facilitate access to clinical supervision.*
- *Plan now for how IP roles will integrate into future services.*

#### Strengthen Local Collaboration

- *Work with PCNs, GP practices and secondary care to create supportive supervision environments.*

### West Yorkshire: Let's Lead the Way!

**We have the funding. We have the training infrastructure. We have the tools and resources to support pharmacists through the journey. Now we need action.** By mobilising our workforce today, we can ensure West Yorkshire is fully prepared for the next generation of pharmacy-led clinical services, delivering better access, better outcomes, and better care for our communities.

# Independent Prescribing: West Yorkshire's Call to Action

## Why the Shift to Independent Prescribing?



**Funding Window Until March 2027**  
NHS England covers course fees and supervision support for eligible pharmacists.



**Enhanced Patient Access**  
IPs provide end-to-end care from assessment to prescribing, reducing urgent care pressure.



**West Yorkshire Readiness**  
Early adoption ensures the region is prepared for the next generation of pharmacy services.



**Secure Your University Place**  
Apply early to providers like Bradford, Leeds, or Huddersfield as cohorts fill quickly.

## The Roadmap to IP Qualification



**Identify a DPP**  
Use the national DPP Support Tool to secure a mandatory Designated Prescribing Practitioner.



**Employer Enablement**  
Pharmacy leaders can support ready candidates and facilitate protected learning time.



[www.DPPsupport.co.uk](http://www.DPPsupport.co.uk)