

Pharmacy Contraception Service: Top Tips for Service Delivery

Here's a concise list of 10 key tips that covers the essential aspects of ensuring a smooth and effective contraception service

1	Stay Clinically Updated – Keep current with national guidelines (e.g. NICE , UKMEC) and ensure pharmacists are well-trained.	6	Streamline Workflow – Use structured templates, SOPs, and booking systems for efficiency.
2	Use Inclusive Consultations – Maintain confidentiality and ensure patients feel comfortable discussing contraception options.	7	Promote the Service – Display posters , use social media, and inform GP Practices to increase awareness.
3	Provide Comprehensive Information – Explain all contraception methods, effectiveness, side effects, and risks clearly.	8	Collaborate with Healthcare Providers – Work with local GP Practices and Sexual Health Services for better patient referrals.
4	Follow Safeguarding Protocols – Be trained to identify safeguarding concerns and follow local referral pathways effectively	9	Offer a Range of Services – Stock multiple contraceptive methods and link in with relevant services.
5	Document & Follow-Up – Accurately record consultations, provide safety-netting advice, and schedule follow-ups when needed. Consent - If the person consents, consultation details from will be shared with their general practice, but if they do not consent or are not registered, the consultation can proceed without	10	Prepare for Emergency Contraception (EHC) Expansion – Get ready for EHC inclusion in October 2025. CPPE Contraception Training Resources