

NHS Hypertension Case-Finding Service

Changes to the service specification have been implemented to better reflect its primary purpose of hypertension case-finding

Updated service from:
**3 September
2026**

The revised Community Pharmacy NHS Hypertension case-finding service comes into effect on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Access the key resources here:

Revised NHS England
[Service Specification](#)

CPE Briefing
[Changes to the HCFS specification](#)



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Eligibility criteria

For patients directly requesting the service or identified by the pharmacy **without a current diagnosis of hypertension**

- Adults aged 40 years and over.
- Patients, by exception, under 40 years who request the service due to family history or higher risk population (South Asian, African-Caribbean).
- Patients, by exception, between 35 and 39 years at the discretion of the pharmacy staff.

For patients referred by the GP practice or other commissioned healthcare professional (e.g. dentist, optometrist)

- Adults aged 40 years and over, **without a prior diagnosis of hypertension and not had a blood pressure check in the last 5 years**, for a clinic blood pressure check.
- Adults aged 40 years and over signposted for ABPM (with or without a prior diagnosis of hypertension).

Key changes to the service

Patients with a current diagnosis of hypertension are **not eligible for a clinic blood pressure check**

Patients who have had a blood pressure check in the last 5 years are generally excluded from the service

For patients under 40 years, the reason for inclusion in the service must be documented in the PMR for post-payment verification (PPV)

Off-site provision is limited to **4 days per financial year** and requires prior ICB approval by submitting a [request form](#)

Further clarification on 'best practice' for consulting with the patient and providing ABPM

Additional information and resources available: [Community Pharmacy England](#)