

Community Pharmacy General Practice Toolkit

Toolkit for Primary Care Health and Care
Professionals in Greater Manchester



How to use this toolkit

Intended audience

This toolkit is for Primary Care health and care professionals in Greater Manchester

Intended aims & outcomes

Understand:

- Benefits of using the Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case Finding Service
- How to utilize the Community Pharmacy Service

Icons



Background information



'How to':
Practical guidance



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Introduction to Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case Finding Service

Leveraging the benefits for your practice or PCN

This is a fantastic, already funded opportunity to increase your capacity to undertake blood pressure readings and assessment without utilising pre-existing practice resources while also building the relationship between your practice or PCN and the community pharmacies within your area.

You may already be receiving Blood Pressures through Docman/Emails from community pharmacies.

As it is not guaranteed that the community pharmacy within your locality is providing the service, practices/PCN's must contact their community pharmacy to check they are providing the service and what they have available.

They might also have the facility to do ABPM which could save significant resources from the practice in assessing people with single high BP readings for the diagnosis of hypertension.

It is paramount that any GP to community pharmacy pathway is agreed before hand between the practice/PCN and the community pharmacy. This is to ensure that the service is available, and the pharmacy has capacity.

PICK UP THE PHONE AND HAVE A CHAT WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY PHARMACY

Find out more more about the **Community Pharmacy Blood Pressure Finding Service** in Greater Manchester. [Click here.](#)



Further Resources and Guidance



Resources on Community Pharmacy

- **Community Pharmacy Blood Pressure Finding Service in Greater Manchester.** [Click here.](#)
- **Further information** on community pharmacy. [Click here.](#)
- **List of community pharmacies offering Hypertension Case Finding** - available on [GM Tableau](#) and [The Shape Atlas](#)
- **NHS community pharmacy hypertension case-finding advanced service.** [Click here.](#)



How to utilise Community Pharmacy Service (#1)

1

The community pharmacy service could be utilised to quickly get blood pressure readings from all patients eligible for the BP002 QOF indicator.

Blood pressure (BP)

Indicator	Points	Thresholds
BP002. The percentage of patients aged 45 or over who have a record of blood pressure in the preceding 5 years	15	50–90%

If patients have high single BP readings, the community pharmacy may also be able to conduct ABPM or initiate HBPM with patients, reducing practice workload involved with assessment of hypertension. This will both benefit the community pharmacy and the practice with quick efficient QOF attainment.

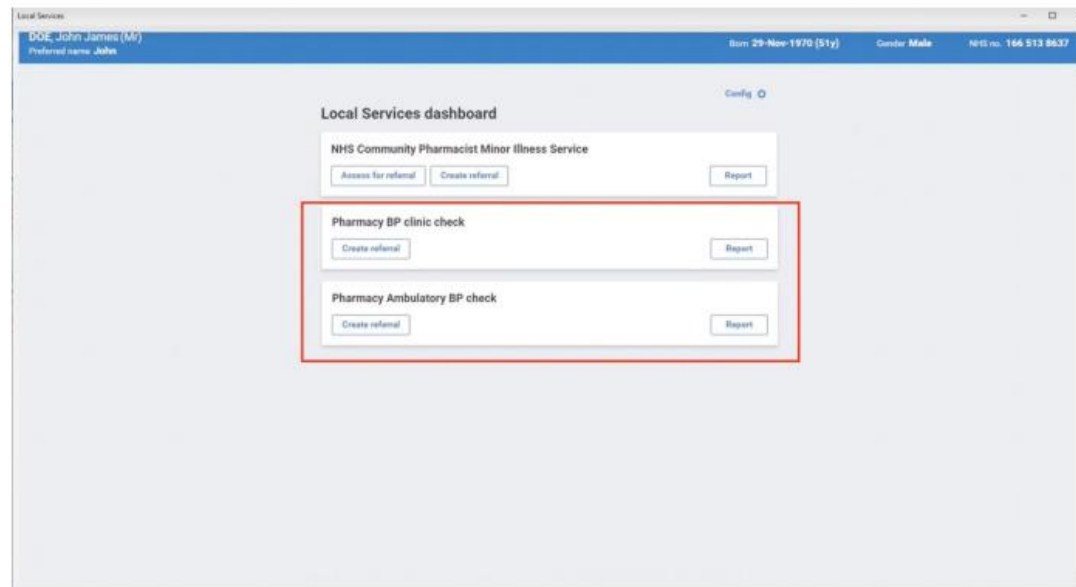
How to utilise Community Pharmacy Service (#2)

2

On agreement with the Community Pharmacy you may also refer patients requiring BP checks for things such as pill-check's, HRT and annual reviews, for example, to your local community pharmacy.

There is now a button within all EMIS GP practices in GM allowing you to quickly, easily and efficiently refer patients to your local pharmacy.

Figure 1: Example of the local services dashboard featuring BP clinic check and Ambulatory BP check options.



The screenshot displays the 'Local Services dashboard' for a patient named John James (Mr), DOB: 29-Nov-1970 (51y), Gender: Male, NHS no. 166 513 8637. The dashboard includes a 'Config' button and three service options:

- NHS Community Pharmacist Minor Illness Service**: Includes buttons for 'Access for referral', 'Create referral', and 'Report'.
- Pharmacy BP clinic check**: Includes buttons for 'Create referral' and 'Report'.
- Pharmacy Ambulatory BP check**: Includes buttons for 'Create referral' and 'Report'.

The 'Pharmacy BP clinic check' and 'Pharmacy Ambulatory BP check' sections are highlighted with a red border.

How to utilise Community Pharmacy Service (#3)

- 3** Case-finding and screening for blood pressure is far more suited to the PCN, community and voluntary sector levels, while practices should focus on the uncontrolled hypertensives on their practice lists.

On agreement with your community pharmacy, it may be possible to send patients identified through screening events, PCN hubs and community services to the local pharmacy for further assessment and onward referral to general practice.

This helps better connect the PCN, community and practices.



Governance

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