Name of pharmacy

Pharmacy address 1

Pharmacy address 2

Pharmacy postcode

Pharmacy phone number

Pharmacy email address

GP's name or GP practice manager's name

Name of GP practice

GP Practice address 1

GP practice address 2

GP practice postcode

 11 October 2021

Dear GP's name or GP practice manager's name

**Re: NHS Hypertension Case-Finding Advanced Service – new service being offered from community pharmacies**

I am writing to let you know about a new NHS service, which we will be offering to patients from xx/xx/202x.

On 1st October 2021, NHS England and NHS Improvement commissioned community pharmacies to provide the NHS Hypertension Case-Finding Advanced Service. The service aims to:

* Identify people aged 40 years or older with high blood pressure who have previously not had a confirmed diagnosis of hypertension. At the discretion of the pharmacist, people under the age of 40 may also be included in the service.
* Where the person’s blood pressure is high, they will be referred to their general practice to

confirm diagnosis and for appropriate management.

* At the request of a general practice, undertake ad hoc normal and ambulatory blood pressure measurements (ABPM).
* Provide another opportunity to promote healthy behaviours to patients.

The service will be provided in the consultation room by pharmacists and it has two stages:

* **Stage 1** – Identifying people at risk of hypertension and offering them the opportunity to have their blood pressure measured.
* **Stage 2** – This is offered if a person’s blood pressure reading is high at Stage 1. A person will be offered 24-hour ABPM. Patients who are then identified with high or very high blood pressure will be referred to their general practice

I have \*enclosed a copy of a briefing on the service for general practice teams / a link to a briefing on the service for general practice teams can be found below.

[PSNC Briefing for general practice teams – the Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case-Finding Service](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/psnc-briefings-services-and-commissioning/psnc-briefing-044-21-briefing-for-general-practice-teams-the-community-pharmacy-hypertension-case-finding-advanced-service/) *\*(Delete as appropriate depending on if sent by letter or email)*

As the service includes the option for general practice to refer patients to pharmacies to have their blood pressure checked (normal and ABPM); I would welcome the opportunity to discuss whether this would be of interest to your practice. I would be delighted to come to meet you and the practice team to explain the service and to consider, as part of our discussion, the best process for referring patients to the pharmacy should you wish to do so.

Further information on the Hypertension case-finding service can be found at <http://www.psnc.org.uk/hypertension>.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions on the service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Pharmacist / Pharmacy manager's name**

**Role**