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

05 June 2023

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

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

I am writing to let you know about changes to the NHS Hypertension Case-Finding Advanced Service.

NHS England have amended the service specification following feedback from general practices, community pharmacies and Local Pharmaceutical Committees.

The key changes include:

* The service can now be provided by both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians;
* In line with NICE guidance, Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM) will now be carried out during the waking day; and
* Some referral appointment recommendations have been amended.

I have \*enclosed an updated 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), if your practice has not yet considered this, 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 changes to 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**