



Summary of access, referral and post-event notification for national clinical services

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National pharmacy service	GP practices can refer or signpost patients	Electronic referral required from GP practice	NHS 111 referrals allowed	Eligible patients can self-refer	Structured post-event message sent to GP practice	GP Connect Update Record ⁱ	Further information
Essential services							
Discharge Medicines Service Hospital trust referrals only	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	Referrals made to GP practice only where problems with medication are identified that cannot be resolved by the pharmacist.
Advanced services							
Seasonal Vaccination Service – COVID 19 and Adult flu	✓ Signpost	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Childhood Flu Vaccination Service	✓ Signpost	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Hypertension Case-Finding Service	✓ Agreed local process	✓ Only for ABPM requests	✗	✓	✓	✓	Action message ⁱⁱ sent to the practice in line with Annex G of the service specification .
Lateral flow device supply service	✓ Signpost	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	
New Medicine Service	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	Referrals made to GP practice only where problems with the medication are identified that cannot be resolved by the pharmacist.



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Pharmacy Contraception Service	✓ Signpost	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	GP practice notifications are only sent when the patient consents to these being shared.
Pharmacy First service Urgent medicines supply	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	Action message sent to the practice where escalation required.
Pharmacy First service Minor illness	✓ Access via referral only	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	
Pharmacy First service Clinical pathway consultations	✓	✓ Recommended	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Smoking Cessation Service Hospital trust referrals only	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	Post event only when patient is discharged from the pharmacy service
National Enhanced services							
Respiratory Syncytial Virus and Pertussis Vaccination Service	✓ Signpost	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	

ⁱ [GP Connect Update Record](#) will provide the functionality to automatically update a patient's GP medical record.

ⁱⁱ Where an action is required by the General Practice team (such as booking the patient in for a follow up or appointment) an action message or alternative form of an URGENT ACTION communication (rather than the standard post event message) will be sent to the practice.