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In our work with NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), other minor changes to the service specification and PGDs have been agreed.  To assist pharmacy owners and their teams, we have updated the [service page](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e45bfdd7b0&e=d19e9fd41c)on our website to reflect the changes and update our resources. We are also working with NHS England and the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) to organise webinars for pharmacy owners on making the changes to start initiation of contraception or starting to offer this service and details of these will be announced soon.  **Commenting on this, our Director of NHS Services Alastair Buxton, said:** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | [**Read the full statement**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3dbf1650fa&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | NHS England has also published the [updated specification](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c6dee678a8&e=d19e9fd41c) for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service on their website. This follows the [announcement](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=243b06209f&e=d19e9fd41c) made last week around the service being relaunched to make better use of skill mix and increase provision of ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM). It comes alongside the [publication of the updated specification and Patient Group Directions (PGDs)](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d3830b6cc1&e=d19e9fd41c) for the Pharmacy Contraception Service.  **From 1st December 2023**, suitably trained and competent pharmacy staff (pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and other non-registered members of the pharmacy team) can provide the service; currently it can only be provided by a pharmacist or pharmacy technician.  In our work with NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care, other minor changes to the service specification have been agreed; these are highlighted in yellow in the updated document. | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Read the full news story**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c730de6070&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | | [**Visit the updated Hypertension Case-Finding Service webpage**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e14e92a49a&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In case you missed: National Advanced Pharmacist Development Needs Assessment The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) and education commissioning bodies across Great Britain are jointly conducting a study to gauge the advanced-level practice needs of UK pharmacists against the RPS [Core Advanced Curriculum](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b66dde9e76&e=d19e9fd41c).   They're exploring if participant characteristics are linked to these needs. Responses to this survey will inform discussions on advancing practice. If you're a pharmacist registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council or Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland in the UK, you are invited to respond to the survey. The survey closes **Wednesday 6th December 2023.**  [Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=612ee4df8e&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=096e8ad0ae&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=07e55a2fea&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2bb984ff45&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a312923d61&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=55ba666489&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy England** Address: 14 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [comms.team@cpe.org.uk](mailto:comms.team@cpe.org.uk)  Copyright © 2023 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.  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