

Community Pharmacy Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB News

A newsletter for Community Pharmacy Teams in Nottingham,
Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw

Purpose of this newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to share news from across the health system with Community Pharmacy Teams. Please share this newsletter with everyone in your pharmacy team including any locum staff.

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LFD Service

From the 1st April 2024, the Lateral flow device tests supply service for patients potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments, (LFD service), has expanded to include additional patient groups. For further information you can go to the Community Pharmacy England LFD service page [LFD service - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](https://cpe.org.uk)

GP connect Update record –

Post event messages are starting to be sent to GP patient records as the IT suppliers go “live” with this function. Currently, only cegedim healthcare is live but the other three IT suppliers are expected to follow soon. GP surgeries can temporarily choose to disable this function to allow them to schedule the change after year end so please look out for any rejected post event messages and if this happens resend to the GP surgery by NHS mail.

Update record entries will be visible to many patients via the NHS app so it is important that you consider this when filling out the consultation.

Update record should only be used for post event messaging and not for urgent actions where usual locally agreed communication routes should be used.

Bank holiday – update Pharmacy profile

NHS profile manager may automatically mark the pharmacy as closed at bank holidays. Prior to bank holidays please check your profile. If you are open and your profile is closed you will not benefit from the NHS 111 Pharmacy first referrals. There is a video showing you how to update your pharmacy profile which can be viewed here on [you tube](#).

BP service specification reminders

Please remember when opportunistically checking blood pressure that patients who are already diagnosed with hypertension are not eligible for the service unless referred to the Community Pharmacy by the GP practice. The service is to:

- Identify people aged 40 years or older, (discretion of pharmacy staff for those under 40 years), with high blood pressure who are not yet diagnosed.
- Undertake ad hoc clinic and ambulatory blood pressure measurements for adults of any age at request of general practice.

For full eligibility you can check the specification here; [Advanced service specification: NHS community pharmacy hypertension case-finding advanced service \(NHS community pharmacy blood pressure check service\) \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

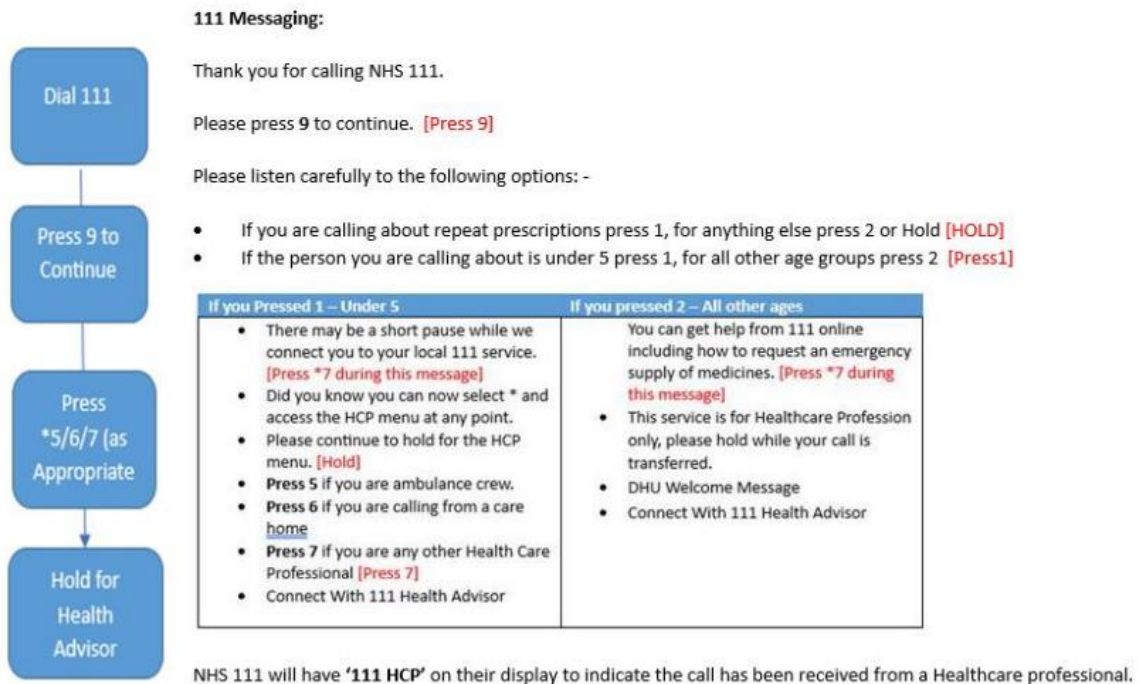
There has also been some confusion reported regarding normal blood pressure following an ABPM. For clarity an average ABPM reading of 90/60mmHg to 134/84mmHg is classified as normal.

Community Pharmacy England have also published some resources to help maximise the use of the Whole Community Pharmacy team for this service which you can look at here; [Hypertension Case-Finding Service reminder \(#1\): Maximising the use of my team - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](#)

NHS 111 Reminder

If a patient needs to be referred to NHS 111, please do not ask the patient to contact NHS 111 themselves. The service specification for Pharmacy First states *“Pharmacists must not refer a patient back to NHS 111 or the IUC CAS by asking the patient to call back directly”* Instead, the Community Pharmacy should use the *7 function when asked to input the service on NHS 111 which is the direct healthcare professional line. The flowchart below gives some more information as to where to use this function when ringing NHS 111.

Accessing 111 as a HCP



If you experience any problems using the *7 function please make Rebecca Dickenson; (email Rebecca.Dickenson7@nhs.net), aware so that this can be escalated with the NHS 111 team.

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) pharmacy first

NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service are setting up a reference group for Primary Care and Community Pharmacy. This will be a multi-organisational pharmacy-professional expert group providing opinion and support to assist the development and maintenance of NHS SPS Primary Care and Community Pharmacy related resources to ensure they meet the needs of the users.

Members will support the development of resources by:

1. Providing intelligence in their area of practice to local and national priorities and how that fits the landscape across the NHS
2. Providing support and advice as requested to proposals for considered work programmes that SPS may wish to explore, and suggest priorities in line with local and national needs.

Expressions of interest are welcomed from Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacists.

The intention is for this group to meet every month initially for the first 3 months to establish the group, then 2 monthly thereafter.

If you are interested in being part this group and completing an application, please contact Rakhi Aggarwal via email at Rakhi.aggarwal1@nhs.net.

All applications will need to be submitted by Friday 29th April 2024.

In addition, NHS SPS are currently looking to support Pharmacy First Service via means of short podcasts. They are planning a series of podcasts around the seven conditions and children. This will involve a specialist and generalist pharmacy professionals discussing grey areas of practice, myths and concerns that are not conveyed by conventional educational provision, covering these grey areas of practice.

If you have any themes of clinical or practical queries that you would like us to consider putting to the specialist, please kindly share with Rakhi Aggarwal via email at Rakhi.aggarwal1@nhs.net as soon as possible- ideally the by end of April.

New Educational supervisor training for pharmacy the workforce

NHS England are pleased to announce additional, fully funded educational supervision training for those supervising foundation trainee pharmacists.

This training will ensure those involved in educational supervision, including Designated Supervisors (DSs), and Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs), are confident to provide support and developmental aid to foundation trainee pharmacists across all sectors.

This training offer provides 250 places exclusively for prospective DPPs, in addition to 250 places for other educational supervisors, including DSs, (previously known as pre-reg tutors).

Who are eligible:

- Educational supervision programme - Pharmacy technicians and pharmacists who supervise trainees
- DPP programme - independent prescribers who supervise foundation trainee pharmacists. Regulatory changes in 2019 mean that experienced independent prescribers of any profession can apply for DPP training to support pharmacists to become independent prescribers.

To register for the Educational supervisor training, you can do so at the ProPharmace Website; [Educational Supervisor Training for the Community Pharmacy Workforce - ProPharmace](#)

For any further enquiries about this training offer, please email info@propharmace.com

Questions and feedback about this newsletter

If you have any questions, please email the ICB Community Pharmacy Clinical lead; Rebecca Dickenson using the email address Rebecca.Dickenson7@nhs.net.

Please send feedback as it helps to tailor this newsletter for you and your team.