

NMS Depression Expansion Pilot

Greater Manchester Weekly Updates

Welcome to the first weekly updates of the NMS Depression Expansion Pilot in Greater Manchester (GM):

Pilot Aims:

The aim of the pilot is to test the inclusion of depression as a therapeutic area in the NMS and to test a revised NMS service model that would align more closely with the treatment of depression in primary care as part of an integrated clinical pathway. The service will also provide an opportunity to better utilise community pharmacists in supporting patients with mental health conditions.

Timescale:

This pilot will run from August 2022 until 31 March 2024, or before, if sufficient data has been collected to evaluate the service and commission nationally. Contractors will be notified of the end of the pilot with one month's notice of final consultation dates and claims submissions deadline.

Activity:

- **39** community pharmacies in GM were invited to participate in the pilot on 02/08/2023, of which currently:
 - **1** Live & active
 - **16** Live & ready
 - **14** Awaiting confirmation of readiness
 - **8** Pending registration on NHS BSA
- **Internet Pharmacy FPH97** is the first pharmacy in GM to become active with this pilot. A huge well done and thank you for initiating the activities.
- As of the 17/08/2023, a total of **87 community pharmacies in England** have registered on the NHS BSA MYS portal to participate in the pilot, **32 of them are in Greater Manchester ICB.**

Top tips:

- The following flyer is a useful way to handout to eligible patients after having the NMS consultation with the pharmacist. This is to invite them to take part in the pilot evaluation and feedback.



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Webinar:

Preparations are underway for a webinar to support pharmacists delivering this pilot. GM Mental Health Trusts and the National Pharmacy Integration lead are invited to participate. More details will be sent out soon.

N.B. this is a support webinar and is not part of the mandatory training for the pilot. Therefore, you don't need to wait for the webinar to commence with the pilot activities.

Resources:

- [NHS Community Pharmacy New Medicine Service \(NMS\) Expansion Pilot: Inclusion of Depression as a Therapeutic Area and Revised Service Delivery Model | NHSBSA](#)
- [Service Level Agreement & Service Specification \(nhsbsa.nhs.uk\)](#)
- [New Medicine Service \(NMS\) - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](#)
- [CPPE NMS gateway page \(cppe.ac.uk\)](#)

Kind regards,

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