

Hypertension Case-Finding Service (HCFS)

Information for General Practice

Service objectives

- To identify people aged **40 years or older** who have previously not had a confirmed diagnosis of hypertension, and to refer them to general practice to confirm diagnosis and for appropriate management
- Following signposting of a patient from their general practice, to undertake clinic blood pressure measurements for adults who are aged **40 years and over**, without a prior diagnosis of hypertension and who have **not** had their blood pressure checked in the **last 5 years**
- To offer ambulatory blood pressure checks to adults who are aged **40 years and over** at the request of other healthcare professionals (including general practice) following clinic checks done at other healthcare settings
- To promote healthy behaviours to patients

Top Tips

- Practices should consider using the HCFS for all patients requiring ABPM to allow appointments to be repurposed
- Consider whether all patients refusing ABPM at the pharmacy should be referred back to the pharmacy rather than complete the measurement at the practice
- Use the button on EMIS Patient Services to make referrals where available
- Be consistent with making referrals to community pharmacy as it supports patients in accessing healthcare at the right point and helps pharmacy teams embed the service

Building relationships with community pharmacy

- Speak to your local pharmacy about the HCFS to agree how you will work collaboratively, review your experience of the service and share learning
- Consider a regular catch-up meeting to talk about the services that your local pharmacies can deliver and how they can support your practice and patients