

# Sandwell LPC AGM Meeting ICB Update – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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# Agenda



Role of the CPCL



IP Pathfinder Programme



Current Services & Successes



New Services



Next Steps



# Role of the CPCL

- Been in the role 12 months
- Role – implementation, assurance and clinical governance of CP clinical services, clinical service pilots and developmental work, and to oversee CPCF transition (as it was delegated to ICB from NHSE).
- Aim – raise profile of community pharmacy and promote/support collaborative working between CPs, GPs and other stakeholders (Patient at the heart of what we do!) – ‘Go to person for CP in ICB’
- Very busy 12 months in supporting the delivery and growth of services e.g. DMS, CPCS, BP Checks.
- Development of projects e.g IP Pathfinder Programme



# Pharmacist Independent Prescriber Pathfinder Programme

- In 2026, all pharmacy graduates will have an independent prescriber qualification. Therefore recognised that plans needed, to determine what that will look like in community pharmacy.
- Feb 2023 - All 42 ICBs submitted EOIs with clinical models that their ICBs propose to deliver. Work undertaken by CPCLs
- In August, all 42 ICBs' models approved, and given go-ahead to start implementation – 4 sites for BC
- In September, EOI sent out to all contractors to determine who wanted to take part in the Programme.
- 17 EOIs received for the 4 pharmacy sites – Robust screening using points system and ratified at Regional level



# Pharmacist Independent Prescriber Pathfinder Programme

- Masters Pharmacy, Oldbury – one of the successful sites
- BC ICB models – prescribing in low acuity conditions and oral contraception. To develop into LTC prescribing (Hypertension – initiation in conjunction with BP Checks Service), once first two models up and running
- SLA/Specifications have been developed with National Team and CPCLs putting in local models and governance framework for the Programme
- Delivery of the Programme at pharmacy will be ‘clunky’ to start – EPS Solution (Cleo) to issue electronic Rx (no paper Rx), GP Connect to read patient records and Pharmoutcomes as recording platform and to send message back to GP.
- Currently working with selected pharmacies in getting ready for implementation (go-live checklist) and in obtaining the necessary software
- IP Pathfinder Programme expected to commence small and develop – max of six sessions/week permitted. Each session of 4hrs. Sites determine how they provide those sessions.



## IP – Next Steps

- Recognised still a lot of work to be done between now and launch
- EPS (Cleo) is about to undergo a short period of testing and Programme expected to start mid-late January, subject to successful testing of EPS solution.
- Lots of engagement to be done with numerous stakeholders, CP and GPs in locality to ensure pathways work; LPC support
- Peer support and clinical supervision – looking to pharmacists (PCN) and GP support
- Pathfinder – ‘learn and understand’ – **not a pilot**



# Extended Care Services & Advanced OC Service

- Key area of work has been Advanced and local enhanced services provided by our CPs
- **Well done to all on work put in, in difficult circumstances to deliver the figures we have done!!**
- We now have **145** CP providers across BC registered to provide UTI service (32 providers in Sandwell)
- As of 20<sup>th</sup> November - 107 pharmacies registered for Advanced OC service in BC. 36 pharmacies in Sandwell (c.f. Walsall – 26; W'ton – 19; Dudley – 26)
- 35 OC Consultations delivered in BC Apr-Jul (Service launched April)
- Changes coming 1<sup>st</sup> December (see later)



# Extended Care Services Data Quarter 2 (June-Sept) 2023

	Tier 1		Tier 2			Tier 3		
Place	UTI	ABC	Infected bites	Infected Eczema	Impetigo	Otitis Media	Total per place	Deferred Rx
Dudley	625	6	229	14	9	6	889	0
Sandwell	547	17	241	111	23	4	943	1
Walsall	382	3	73	1	0	0	459	0
Wolverhampton	342	8	114	4	2	3	473	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1896</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2764</b>	<b>1</b>





## Pharmacy First Activity (LCS)

Pharmacy First	Dudley	Sandwell	Wolverhampton	Walsall	Total Consultations
April 2023	1207	1487	258	189	3141
May 2023	1369	1547	369	176	3371
June 2023	1487	1949	294	285	4015
July 2023	1476	1983	350	273	4082
August 2023	1189	1234	240	266	2929
September 2023	1430	1701	249	249	3629

# DMS and Other Advanced Services

Month	Number of New Medicine Service (NMS) interventions declared	Number of Community Pharmacy Clinic Blood Pressure checks	Number of Community Pharmacy Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM)	Number of Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation consultations	Number of Complete Discharge Medicines Services	Number of Community Pharmacy Contraceptive Consultations
April	6721	3,849	267	55	74	0
May	6936	4,815	249	0	2	38
June	7220	4,988	248	57	2	66



# Sandwell CPCS Figures

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	Week Commencing										
2	PCN	06/11/2023	30/10/2023	23/10/2023	16/10/2023	09/10/2023	02/10/2023	25/09/2023	18/09/2023	11/09/2023	04/09/2023
3	Health Vision Partnership PCN	1	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
4	SWB Together 4 Healthcare PCN	4	8	9	8	5	6	6	4	0	0
5	SWB Newcomen PCN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	SWB Oldbury & Smethwick PCN	9	9	13	11	9	2	0	2	3	2
7	SWB Central Health Partnerships PCN	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
8	SWB Caritas PCN	21	47	58	32	59	31	33	35	34	28
9	SWB Citrus PCN	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
10	SWB Your Health Partnership PCN	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
11	Totals	35	72	83	52	73	41	47	41	38	30

CPCS – BC figures -1708 referrals in October from 113 practices = 118% inc on last year

# Hypertension Case Finding

- BC BP Figures – **to July 2023** – Clinic BP 18865 (150% up on last year)  
Ambulatory BP - 1300 ( 525% up on last year)
- BP Project – 15 pharmacies agreed to be involved in project.
- Together4Health PCN Practices (areas of high deprivation scores) – Linkway and Sarephed Medical Practices are involved in the project – sending referrals to pharmacies
- CHS have been liaising with the Practices and CPs in progressing the project
- Sandwell Practices are mainly System1 practices – therefore do not have ‘local services button’ as available on EMIS. So, referrals appear in pharmacy via NHS mail as opposed to straight to PharmOutcomes



# BP Project Figures – July – Sep 2023

- Sandwell up 260 on BP checks and 16 on ABPMs c.f 2022/23

Activity to date	CP sites active	CP BP checks	CP ABPM checks
Sedgley, Coseley & Gornal PCN	+3 [+50%]	+232 [+116%]	-15 [-60.0%]
Wolverhampton Total Health PCN	+16 [+433%]	+869 [+2,172%]	+25 [∞%]
Walsall North PCN	+4 [+57%]	+216 [+94%]	+22 [+56%]
Together4Healthcare PCN	+6 [+67%]	+290 [+176%]	+16 [+1,600%]

# BP Project Figures – Comparison (Self –reported vs Actual claims)

- Beginning to get NHSBSA figures for BP claims – these are being compared with figures declared by pharmacies (n.b. not all pharmacies were reporting). NHSBSA figures = truer picture

CP BP checks July 22v23	Claimed 6/2022	self-reported 6/2023	Claimed 6/2023
Sedgley, Coseley & Gornal PCN	164	157	173
Wolverhampton Total Health PCN	11	284	291
Walsall North PCN	118	175	167
Together4Healthcare PCN	127	282	503

# Delivery Plan for Recovering Access to Primary Care

On 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023, NHSE and DHSC published the [Delivery Plan for recovering access to primary care](#).

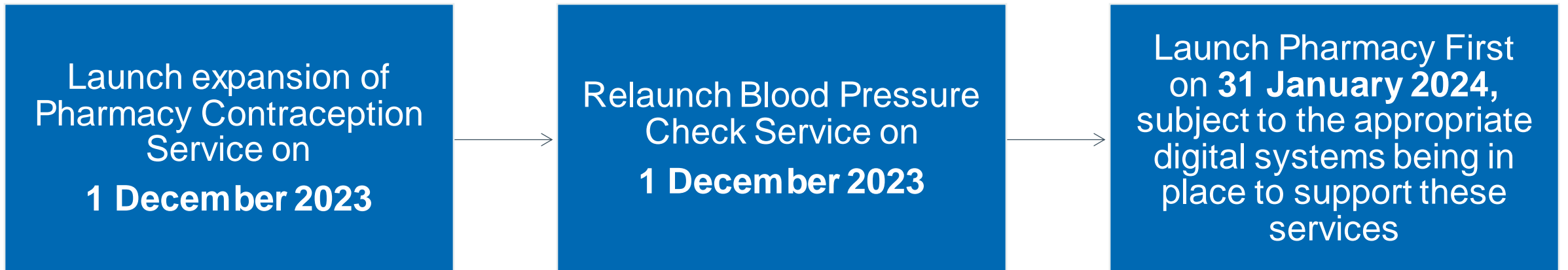
The plan includes a commitment to:

- Commission community pharmacies to deliver a Pharmacy First service by enabling the supply of NHS medicines for seven conditions **and**
- Increase provision of the community pharmacy NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service and the Blood Pressure Checks Service.
- Invest to significantly improve the digital infrastructure between general practice and community pharmacy.
- **PCARP – have a place on ACCESS group implementing the plan**



# Service Launch Dates

Negotiations between Community Pharmacy England, NHSE and DHSC have concluded successfully, resulting in:





# Expansion of Contraceptive Service

**Introduction of initiation of contraception in community pharmacies, supporting women to have easier access to contraception, through:**

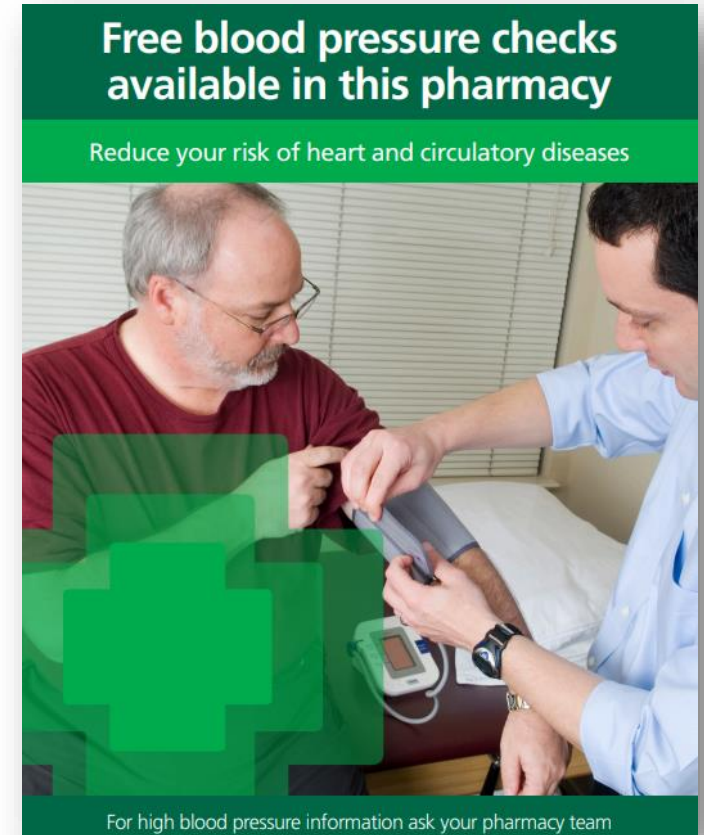
- Additional funding
- Greater use of pharmacy team skill mix
- Encouraging contractors to sign up
- Both ongoing supply and initiation of supply will be combined into one service. (n.b. 108 BC pharmacies registered for current ongoing supply; only 1 for initiation – current ongoing supply pharmacies will have 3 months to deliver both elements)
- Pharmacies signing from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec will have to provide both ongoing supply and initiation
- NHS website postcode search tool enable patients to find local pharmacies who deliver the contraception service (ICB website will also be updated)



# Relaunch of Blood Pressure Service

**Blood pressure checks to help identify the 5.5 million people with undiagnosed blood pressure at risk of heart attack and stroke, through:**

- Additional funding
- Greater use of pharmacy team skill mix
- Encouraging contractors not signed up to do so
- Encouraging contractors who have signed up to see more patients and completion of more ABPMs



# Pharmacy First

Pharmacy First will be a new advanced service that will include 7 new clinical pathways and will replace (incorporate) the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS).

This means the full service will consist of three elements:

## Pharmacy First (clinical pathways)

- new element

## Pharmacy First (urgent repeat medicine supply)

- previously commissioned as the CPCS

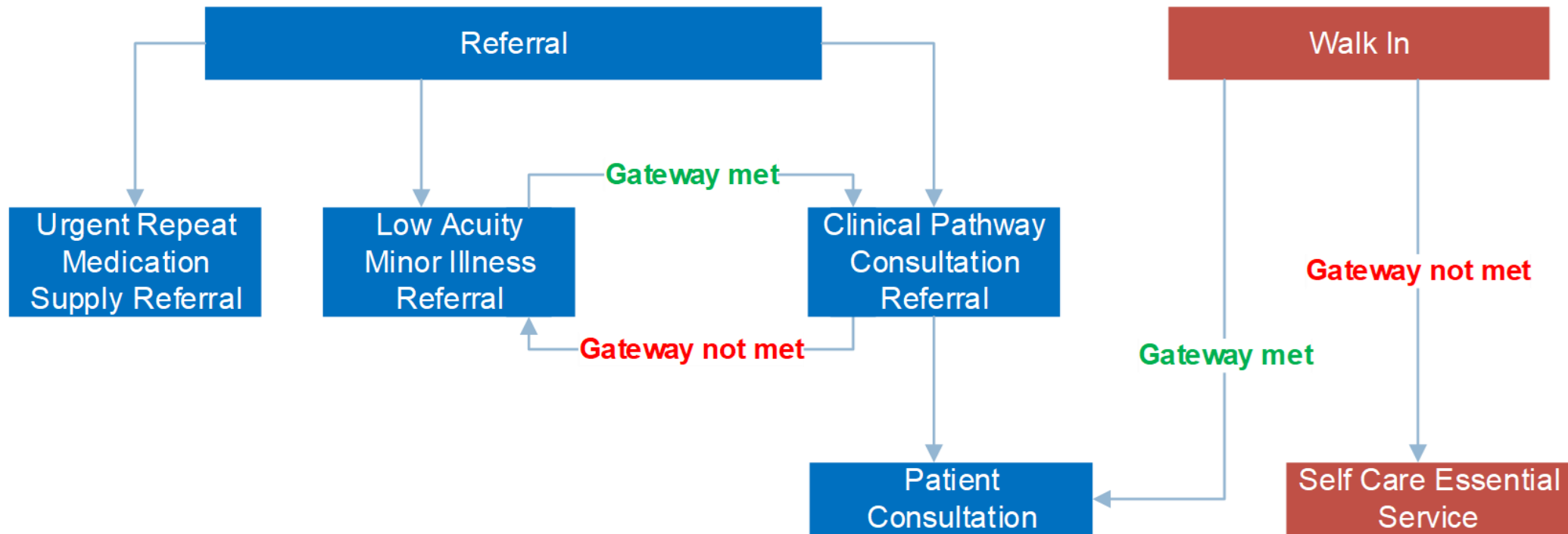
## Pharmacy First (NHS referrals for minor illness)

- previously commissioned as the CPCS

- **Contractors will need to be able to provide all 3 elements (only exception is DSPs will not need to do otitis media pathway due to need to use otoscopes).**
- Remote consultations for 6 of the 7 **clinical pathways** are permissible via high quality video and if clinically appropriate speed of access to medicines can be facilitated.



# Pharmacy First Service Overview



- The existing referral routes for the CPCS will apply to the new clinical pathway's element, but patients will also be able to self-refer to a pharmacy for the clinical pathways (subject to the patient passing a clinically established gateway point in the relevant clinical pathway).

## Gateway points for Clinical Pathways

- Consultations will only be considered as clinical pathway consultations if they successfully pass through a **gateway point** for each respective clinical pathway.

### **The gateway point ensures that the patient:**

- Is suitable for management within one of the seven clinical pathways
- Presents relevant signs and symptoms
- Does not exhibit indications of a more serious medical condition.

**Only consultations that pass the gateway point count for service payments.**



# The 7 Clinical Pathways

Clinical Pathway	Age range
Uncomplicated UTI	Women 16-64 years
Shingles	18 years and over
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected Insect Bites	1 year and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Sore Throat	5 years and over
Acute Otitis Media	1 to 17 years



# Funding

## Fee Structure for Pharmacy First

- Initial fixed payment of £2000 – can be claimed from Dec 2023 up until service launch (will be recovered from contractors who have not delivered 5 clinical pathway consultations by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024)
- £15 item of service fee for each Pharmacy First consultation. This includes any clinical pathway consultations and any consultations that would have been previously delivered under CPCS. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, those CPCS consultations will be paid at £15
- A monthly fixed fee of £1000 will be paid to pharmacy contractors delivering Pharmacy First who meet a minimum number of monthly **clinical pathway consultations**
- Initial temporary cap of 3000 Pharmacy First consultations/month permissible for those pharmacies who can provide these (so as not to hinder the service)



# Funding – minimum monthly clinical pathway numbers

Month	Minimum number of consultations passing the gateway point
February 2024	1
March 2024	5
April 2024	5
May 2024	10
June 2024	10
July 2024	10
August 2024	20
September 2024	20
From October 2024	30

- Only consultations under the **new clinical pathway element** of Pharmacy First count towards eligibility for the initial and ongoing fixed payments.
- Contractors who do not reach the minimum number of consultations in a month will only be paid the item of service fee of **£15** per clinical pathway consultation.





# What have you got to do now?

- Service Specifications are out for Oral Contraception & Blood Pressure Checks – if ready to do both initiation and ongoing supply – register on MYS.
- If currently signed up for ongoing supply, and not ready for initiation, you have until 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 to register, or will be de-registered.
- Service Specifications and clinical pathways are out for Pharmacy First – advise look at asap (quite a few PGDs). Can claim initial fixed payment – Dec 2023 (via MYS)
- ENT Training – examination skills being arranged – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 – Holiday Inn M6 Jct 7 (to be confirmed) – limited places available.
- **Very busy time ahead, but we can deliver, as we always have done, for our patients in the Black Country!**





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