

GP-CPCS summary

From 1st November 2020, the CPCS was extended across England to include [referrals from general practices](#) as well as from NHS 111.

GPs can refer patients to community pharmacies to receive a CPCS consultation for minor illness (unlike NHS 111, GPs cannot refer patients for an urgent supply of a medicine or appliance).

Read the [updated service specification](#);

- Pharmacies which are already registered to provide CPCS do not need to re-register to receive referrals from GPs, as this is an extension to the existing Advanced service;
- General practices can choose whether they want to refer patients to the CPCS and before GPs can make referrals, there must be local discussions to agree how this will work. These discussions will involve pharmacy contractors, the Primary Care Network (PCN) and the member general practices, the NHS and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC);
- PCNs in our local areas are **now beginning to roll out this service**;
- The LPC will be supporting contractors to get involved in the roll out of the GP referral pathway into the CPCS. At present, preparations to support the rollout are being undertaken by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) regional teams; this involves local planning discussions with LPCs, Clinical Commissioning Groups and other partners that will be able to support the process, including the NHS Time for Care Team. Your pharmacy will be contacted by the PCN or LPC team when your area is ready to commence the service;
- Pharmacy contractors that are not registered to provide the service can still do so via the [NHSBSA Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#).

Contractors registered to provide the CPCS can claim a £300 engagement and setup payment if they undertake a range of actions to get ready for rolling out the referral pathway in their area **by 30th June 2021**. The requirements are detailed in Annex F of the [updated service specification](#) and claims need to be made via the NHSBSA's Manage Your Service portal by 5th July 2021.

[Watch a video on how the pilot service was implemented in the Avon LPC area](#)

The LPC is holding four Webinars throughout May:

Wednesday 12th May 2021: 12.30pm – 1.30pm

OR

Thursday 20th May 2021: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

OR

Wednesday 26th May 2021: 1.00pm – 2.00pm

OR

Thursday 27th May: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Please email ahwlp@gmail.com stating which date you're planning to attend, and we will send you the link to join.

For more information, see our websites:

[GP CPCS – Warwickshire LPC](#)

[CPCS – Herefordshire & Worcestershire LPC \(\[hwlp.co.uk\]\(http://hwlp.co.uk\)\)](#)

[CPCS – Coventry LPC](#)