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NHS HEALTH CHECK SERVICE SPECIFICATION PUBLISHED

PSNC has today published a national Enhanced Service specification template for the NHS Health Check service, developed collaboratively with the Department of Health's Vascular Team and Medicines, Pharmacy and Industry Division.

The template service specification provides a starting point for the development of local service specifications by LPCs and PCTs.

Commenting on the publication of the service specification, Alastair Buxton, Head of NHS Services, PSNC said:

“The publication of this service specification will provide a prompt to PCTs to consider using community pharmacy to deliver this critically important new NHS service.

“At this time of financial constraint it is imperative that PCTs continue to prioritise the roll-out of the NHS Health Check service in order to reap the future social and financial benefits of reduced cardiovascular disease.

“Pharmacies have demonstrated they can provide the service in an efficient and effective manner in a location that is convenient for all sections of the population, including hard-to-access groups.”

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Notes to Editor

1. A copy of the service specification is attached and further copies can be downloaded from www.psnco.org.uk/nhshealthcheck.