

# NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service – a guide to registration.

11 December 2023

## How is this service being commissioned?

This service is being commissioned as an Advanced pharmacy service. Therefore, participation is optional for all pharmacies. Contractors are required to meet the terms of the specification **prior** to registration.

The specification and PGDs can be found here:

[NHS England » NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service](#)

## When did the extended Advanced Service go live?

The extended advanced service went live on 1 Dec 2023.

## How do I register for the extended Pharmacy Contraception Service?

Contractors should register for the service via MYS:

[MYS – Pharmacy | NHSBSA](#)

- **Contractors who are new to the service (from 1 Dec 2023)**

Contractors that have never registered for the pharmacy contraception service should register **when** they are ready to start delivering consultations via the following link:

**Manage Your Service**

- Community Pharmacist Consultation Service
- Contraception Service**
- Contraception Service - opt in to extended service
- Covid Premises and Refrigeration Payments
- Covid Vaccination claim
- Disallowed items (5)
- Discharge Medicines Services
- Flu claim
- Flu Premises and Refrigeration Payments
- Foundation Trainee Pharmacist

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**0** Unpaid items

Items with missing information

- 0 EPS items
- 0 Paper prescription items

Submissions and payments

Period	Status	Action
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- **Contractors who have previously registered for the service (before 1 Dec 2023)**

Contractors who have previously registered for the advanced pharmacy contraception service should opt-in to the extended service **when** they are ready to start delivering all consultations (including initiation of oral contraception) via the following link:

**Manage Your Service**

- Community Pharmacist Consultation Service
- Contraception Service
- Contraception Service - opt in to extended service**
- Covid Premises and Refrigeration Payments
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Contractors will have until 29th Feb 2024 to either opt-in to the extended service **OR** opt out of delivering the extended service via this route as shown below:

**NHS** Manage Your Service Logged in as joe.bloggs@nhs.net Sign out

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## NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service

### Opt in to the revised service

The NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service has been expanded to include the initiation of oral contraception. You should [read the revised specification](#).

Contractors that are registered to provide the existing service and wish to continue doing so, must opt in to the new service by 29 February 2024.

Contractors that do not opt in to the service will not be complying with the service specification and will be automatically deregistered from the service with effect from 1 March 2024.

Claims for consultations up to and including the final date of service provision will be paid according to payment arrangements in the Drug Tariff.

**Do you want to opt in to the revised service?**

Yes  No

**Continue**

### What happens if I chose to opt in?

Contractors will be directed to a declaration page as shown below. Once completed contractors will be registered for the new service and will be expected to deliver both ongoing supplies of oral contraception and initiation of oral contraception from that point onwards.

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## NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service

### Declaration to opt in to service

Read the following summary of terms and conditions and, if you agree, complete the details required and tick the agreement box.

If you choose not to accept (sign this declaration) your decision to opt in to the revised service will not be progressed.

**DECLARATION**

I declare that:

- I can provide the revised NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service with immediate effect
- I understand that I am now required to provide both initiation and ongoing supply of oral contraception consultations as part of service delivery
- I have read the revised service specification and I am ready to provide the service
- Relevant pharmacy staff involved in the provision of the service are competent with the specific skills and knowledge that are appropriate to their role, and to the aspects of the service they are delivering as outlined in the service specification

First name:

Last name:

A confirmation email will be sent to XXXXXXX. If you would like a copy sent to another email address, enter it below.

Email address (optional):

I agree and accept this declaration

**Submit**

## What happens if I chose to opt out?

Contractors who choose to opt out of delivering the extended pharmacy contraception service will be deregistered from the current Tier 1 service, but will be expected to continue delivering consultations for the next 30 days of their notice period (up to 29 Feb 2024).

The screenshot shows a web form titled "NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service Declaration to opt out of service". The form includes a "Go back" link, a "Read the following summary of terms and conditions and, if you agree, complete the details required and tick the agreement box." instruction, and a warning that if the user chooses not to accept, their decision to opt out will not be progressed. It also states that if the user decides to opt in to the new service instead, they must do so by 29 February 2024, or they will be automatically deregistered from the service with effect from 1 March 2024. The main section is a declaration box with the following points:

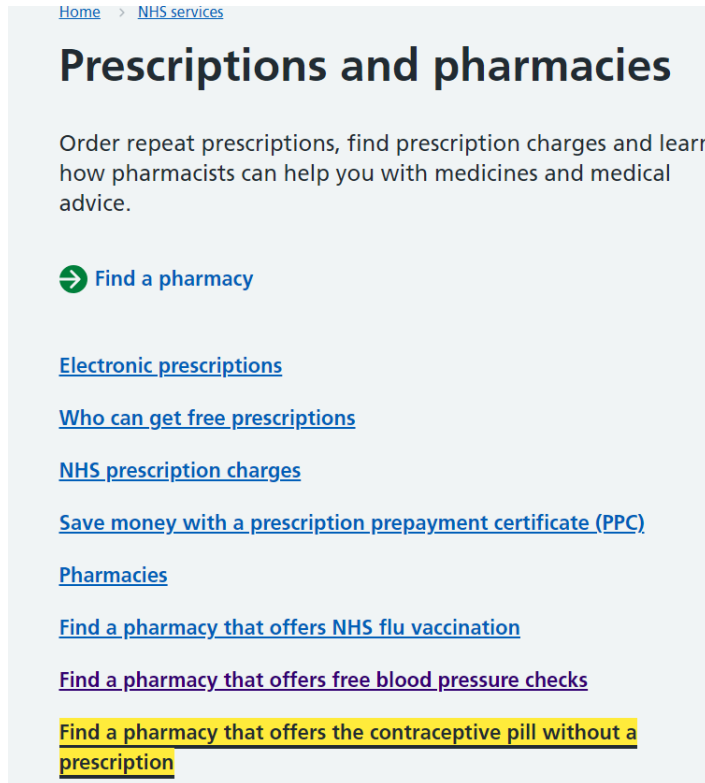
- I wish to cease service provision and that I am giving 30 days notice of my intention to do so.
- I am aware that the date 30 days after my notice will constitute the final date of service provision.
- If my notice occurs fewer than 30 days before 1 March 2024, the notice period will reflect the number of days remaining before 1 March 2024 and the final date of service provision will be 29 February 2024.
- I will continue to deliver the service, or, where I am unable to provide it, direct people to where they can access the service until the final date of service provision.
- I am aware that claims for consultations that were delivered up to and including the final date of service provision will be paid according to payment arrangements in the Drug Tariff.
- I am aware that claims for consultations that were delivered on any date beyond the final date of service provision will not be eligible for payment.
- I am aware the set-up fee I have been paid is a one-off fee and should I register my pharmacy in the future, my pharmacy will not be eligible to receive it again.

Below the declaration box are input fields for "First name" and "Last name", a note that a confirmation email will be sent to a provided email address, an optional "Email address (optional)" field, and a checkbox for "I agree and accept this declaration". A green "Submit" button is at the bottom.

## How will patients know about the service?

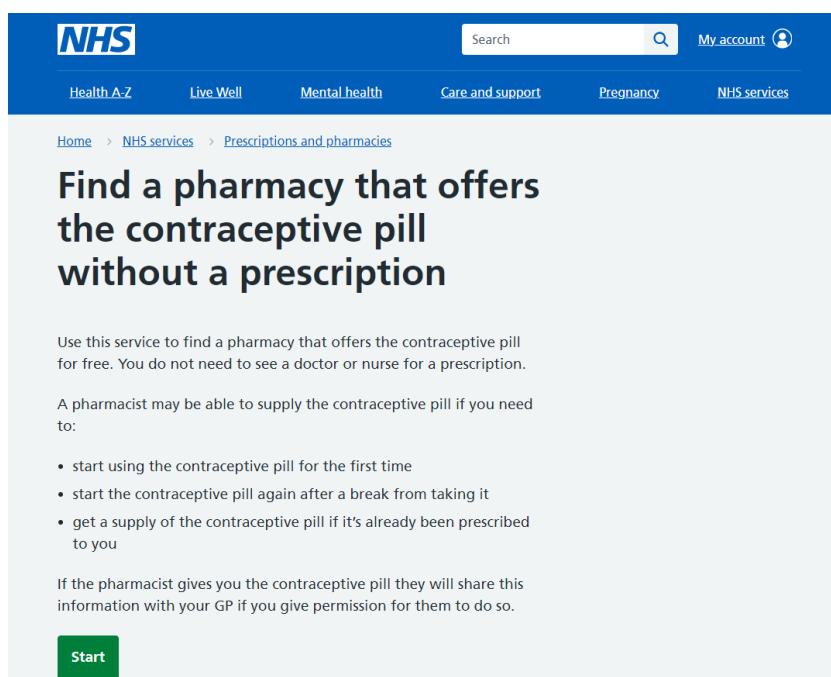
You can now search for a pharmacy that delivers the contraception service on:

[Prescriptions and pharmacies - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/prescriptions-and-pharmacies)



The screenshot shows the NHS website page for 'Prescriptions and pharmacies'. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Home' and 'NHS services'. The main heading is 'Prescriptions and pharmacies'. Below this, there is a sub-heading: 'Order repeat prescriptions, find prescription charges and learn how pharmacists can help you with medicines and medical advice.' A green arrow icon points to a link 'Find a pharmacy'. Below this, there are several other links: 'Electronic prescriptions', 'Who can get free prescriptions', 'NHS prescription charges', 'Save money with a prescription prepayment certificate (PPC)', 'Pharmacies', 'Find a pharmacy that offers NHS flu vaccination', and 'Find a pharmacy that offers free blood pressure checks'. The link 'Find a pharmacy that offers the contraceptive pill without a prescription' is highlighted in yellow.

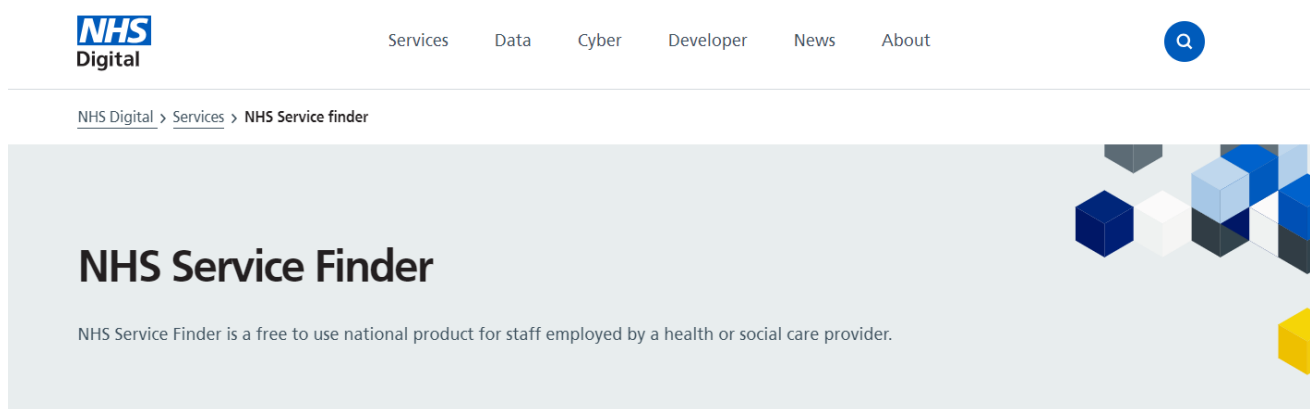
Once you access the link highlighted above you have the option to search for a pharmacy near to you:



The screenshot shows the NHS website page for 'Find a pharmacy that offers the contraceptive pill without a prescription'. At the top, there is the NHS logo, a search bar, and a 'My account' link. Below this, there are navigation links for 'Health A-Z', 'Live Well', 'Mental health', 'Care and support', 'Pregnancy', and 'NHS services'. The main heading is 'Find a pharmacy that offers the contraceptive pill without a prescription'. Below this, there is a sub-heading: 'Use this service to find a pharmacy that offers the contraceptive pill for free. You do not need to see a doctor or nurse for a prescription.' A paragraph follows: 'A pharmacist may be able to supply the contraceptive pill if you need to:' followed by a list of bullet points: 'start using the contraceptive pill for the first time', 'start the contraceptive pill again after a break from taking it', and 'get a supply of the contraceptive pill if it's already been prescribed to you'. Below this, there is another paragraph: 'If the pharmacist gives you the contraceptive pill they will share this information with your GP if you give permission for them to do so.' At the bottom, there is a green 'Start' button.

## How will health professionals know which pharmacies can provide the service?

GPs and other health professionals can search on service finder to see which pharmacies are delivering the service.



## How will contractors ensure their pharmacy is listed on NHS.UK and service finder?

Contractors will need to ensure they keep profile manager updated with their current registration status.

## How will I know who is registered?



Contraception  
Registration Report

All pharmacies that registered for the original contraception service are listed in the attached spreadsheet. All pharmacies on this list will need to either opt in or opt out. Anyone that does not complete this process will be de-registered on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Opt in reports and registration reports (for new registrants that have not signed up to the service before 1 December) will be issued weekly and can be found on:

## Pharmacy Integration FutureNHS workspace, and Pharmacy Contract Teamspace MS Team.

Any NHSE team member that requires access to this should contact [england.pharmacyintegration@nhs.net](mailto:england.pharmacyintegration@nhs.net) or [england.communitypharmacy@nhs.net](mailto:england.communitypharmacy@nhs.net) to gain access to one or both workspaces.

## Will contraception be added to the SHAPE tool?

Yes, pharmacies that are registered for the contraception service will be visible on SHAPE by the new year. You will also have the ability to search for pharmacies that have delivered consultations. [SHAPE - Shape \(shapeatlas.net\)](https://shapeatlas.net)

## How will pharmacies market this service?

CPE has a number of support materials on their site

[Pharmacy Contraception Service - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](http://cpe.org.uk)

NHSE are producing materials which include the following posters:



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These will be hosted on the NHSE webpages very soon. In addition, they will be added to the CRC site [Campaign Resource Centre \(dhsc.gov.uk\)](http://dhsc.gov.uk).

Translated materials will follow shortly.