CVD Modern Service Framework: Operational Readiness

DHSC and NHS England Cardiovascular Disease Modern Service Framework (July 2026)

READY Operational Readiness Framework

R	**Review current activity**	Blood Pressure Check Service delivery; New Medicine Service activity for newly prescribed medicines on the current eligible list for an eligible condition; and relevant Discharge Medicines Service referrals and consultations following hospital discharge.
E	**Examine service delivery**	Check Blood Pressure Check Service delivery against its specification: validated clinic and ambulatory equipment, maintenance and recalibration, urgent escalation, secure transmission of all results, management of ambulatory-monitoring non-attendance, and NHS-assured IT recording.
A	**Address inequalities**	Any extra outreach must be commissioned, resourced, clinically governed and indemnified first.
D	**Distinguish readiness notes**	Optional internal readiness notes are separate from the mandatory records, result transmission and submissions required under existing service specifications.
Y	**Your local links**	Ask the integrated care board whether the pharmacy falls within a Prevention Accelerator footprint.

⚠ DO NOT ASSUME

- ☐ This is a 10-year strategic and delivery framework, not a new commissioned pharmacy service. The framework itself creates no PGD, new Advanced Service or new community pharmacy funding stream.
- ☐ The framework aligns with the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework as an existing lever. A delivery plan with further detail is due later in 2026.
- ☐ Call 999 for tight or squeezing chest pain, pain spreading to either arm, neck, jaw, stomach or back, or with sweating, nausea, vomiting, light-headedness or breathlessness. Also call 999 for severe breathing difficulty or collapse. Current palpitations that do not stop, or palpitations with chest pain, breathlessness, dizziness, feeling faint or fainting: call 999. If the episode and symptoms have stopped: urgent GP or NHS 111. Any FAST sign (face, arm, speech): call 999, even if it resolves.

✓ BUILD ON WHAT YOU ALREADY DO

- ☐ The Blood Pressure Check Service is the existing service most aligned with finding the missing millions.
- ☐ Review New Medicine Service delivery for newly prescribed medicines on the current eligible list for an eligible condition, including type 2 diabetes and specified cardiovascular conditions. Review Discharge Medicines Service referrals and consultations separately: the Discharge Medicines Service is not restricted to New Medicine Service medicines.
- ☐ Use existing consultations for brief risk-factor awareness. Diagnosis, testing and treatment initiation stay within the commissioned pathway, prescriber competence, governance and indemnity.

Suggested internal readiness notes (optional, not a new requirement)

Area	What to note	Owner
Services delivered	Which cardiovascular services the pharmacy currently runs	Pharmacy manager
Specification gaps	Equipment, training or ambulatory monitoring gaps against the BP Check Service spec	Pharmacy owner/manager or designated service lead
Records	Evidence that all required results, notifications and referrals have been transmitted in accordance with each service specification	Pharmacist providing the service or designated service lead
Local links	Whether linked to a Prevention Accelerator footprint or in contact with the ICB	Superintendent or owner

Key reminders: Published 7 July 2026 by DHSC and NHS England, targeting a 25% reduction in premature (under-75) deaths from heart disease and stroke over 10 years. 12 priorities sit under 4 themes: missing millions, treatment to target, acute care, rehabilitation. The first Prevention Accelerators are being established in 5 areas: Greater London, Greater Manchester, Liverpool City Region, South Yorkshire, West Midlands.

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