

NHS Pharmacy First Service - from 31 January 2024

ii) Clinical Pathway consultations

37. From 1 December 2023 pharmacy contractors who sign up to deliver the NHS Pharmacy First Service will qualify for an initial fixed payment of £2,000 as detailed in Paragraph 28. This fee will be recovered from contractors who have not delivered a minimum of 5 Pharmacy First - Clinical Pathway consultations that cross the Gateway point by 23:59 on 31 March 2024 and in accordance with the claim window set out in Paragraph 45. Contractors that sign up after 30 January 2024 will not be eligible for an initial fixed payment.
38. **The Clinical Pathway consultations** element of the NHS Pharmacy First Service will launch on 31 January 2024. A fee of £15.00 will be paid per Clinical Pathway consultation that crosses the Gateway (which is detailed in each Clinical Pathway). The Service Specification, seven Clinical Pathways, Treatment Protocol and associated Patient Group Directions (PGDs) can be found here. All pharmacists must ensure that they have read the final version of all the PGDs and signed to declare they are willing and competent to work to them within their professional code of conduct before conducting any Pharmacy First **Clinical Pathway** consultations.
39. A monthly fixed payment of £1,000 will be paid to pharmacy contractors delivering the NHS Pharmacy First Service who reach the minimum number of consultations required from February 2024. **Table 2** sets out the minimum number of **Clinical Pathway** consultations* required to secure the associated fixed payment. All consultations delivered must be claimed according to the claim window set out in Paragraph 45. Pharmacy contractors who fail to reach the minimum number of consultations* in a month will only be paid the service fee of £15.00 per consultation. If the supply of a product is indicated and the contractor must refer a patient to another pharmacy to complete the consultation, the original pharmacy will not be eligible for a consultation fee. Any activity delivered on 31 January 2024 should be claimed as part of February 2024 activity according to the claim window set out in Paragraph 45. This activity will count towards the minimum number of Clinical Pathway consultations required in February 2024 to secure a fixed payment.

Table 2

	Minimum number of consultations* required to be delivered during the month to secure the fixed payment
February 2024	1
March 2024	5
April 2024	5
May 2024	10
June 2024	10
July 2024	10
August 2024	15
September 2024	20
From October 2024	30

* Consultations must cross the Gateway point detailed in the Clinical Pathway and must not be referred to another pharmacy to be eligible.