

A summary of the British Heart Foundation's Blood Pressure Funded Programme – emerging themes and early learnings

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Background

- Awarded £1.5 million of funding to 15 sites across the UK (eg, local councils, CCGs)
- The programme consists of two rounds.
 - Round One commenced April 2017
 - Round Two commenced April 2019
- Aims
 - Improve access to community BP testing by piloting innovative models
 - Perform 10,000 new blood pressure checks over 2 year funding period
- Pre-requisite for funding:
 - Population of at least 100,000 people
 - Demonstrate evidence of unmet need locally
 - Blood pressure identified as local priority
 - Pathways in place to access behavioural and medical support

Early learnings and emerging themes

- Variation in uptake of BP checks in community pharmacies
- Data transfer into general practice
- Retrieval of outcome data from GP systems
- Lower uptake in community settings in general but especially within community pharmacy
- Lack of training competency framework for non-clinical staff performing BP checks
- Uptake for HBPM/ABPM not as successful as initially thought

Summary of service models used by funded sites

	Community Pharmacy	Fire and Rescue Services	Workplace testing	Telehealth	Opticians	GP federation	Health kiosk	Voluntary organisations	Mobile or community Health and Wellbeing services	HBPM or ABPM
NHS 24 Scotland				✓						✓
Cheshire and Mersey (CHAMPS)	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	
Bradford									✓	✓
Leeds	✓		✓							
Lambeth	✓				✓	✓				✓
Haringey and Islington								✓	✓	
Greenwich	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓
East and North Hertfordshire	✓	✓							✓	
Lancashire	✓							✓	✓	
Telford and Wrekin			✓							✓
Newcastle and Gateshead	✓									
Northern Ireland								✓	✓	
East Riding of Yorkshire	✓									✓
Gloucestershire	✓	✓	✓					✓		

Evaluation

First phase evaluation due for publication in March. Available via www.bhf.org.uk/for-professionals/healthcare-professionals/innovation-in-care/blood-pressure-award-programme