**Executive Summary:**

* Tackling high blood pressure is a national public health priority in England.
* Community pharmacists and their teams make an important contribution to the prevention, detection and management of high blood pressure. They do this both routinely, through the public health promotion and medicines optimisation services that all community pharmacies provide, and through a wide range of targeted services and interventions specifically designed to detect, diagnose and manage hypertension.
* Community pharmacy-based interventions to prevent, detect and manage high blood pressure are recommended in national guidance from Public Health England and NHS England.
* There are many examples of community pharmacy-led campaigns, locally commissioned services and work place-based initiatives from which other pharmacy teams, their commissioners and primary care colleagues could learn.
* The community pharmacy network in England could make an even greater contribution if these initiatives were more effectively integrated with other public health and primary care services and more rigorously quality assured and evaluated, and if progress in extending the roles of community pharmacists were accelerated.
* A framework for action is required to address these issues and enable the community pharmacy network to make its full contribution to tackling high blood pressure.

*Please see resources link for further information.*

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