

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/300

Subject: Pharmacy Pathfinder Programmes

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. How many pharmacy pathfinder programmes does the ICB have? Please can you answer this as a number and also list the clinical area of focus for each pathfinder programme and the names of the pharmacists taking part and/or the business names and addresses of the pharmacies taking part.	BNSSG ICB has 3 pathfinder sites. All three sites have been delivering a minor illness clinical model within the Pathfinder programme: 1. Cotham Pharmacy Travel Clinic, Cotham Hill, Redland, Bristol BS6 6LD 2. Bedminster Pharmacy, 4-6 Cannon St, Bristol BS3 1BN 3. Tesco Pharmacy, 12E Walk, Yate, Bristol BS37 4AS
2. Have you measured the outcomes/successes of the programme so far across the ICB? If so, please share what these outcomes were and what metrics were used.	The evaluation is ongoing and will not be completed until next year after the project has completed.
3. How much money in total will you have paid into the pharmacy pathfinder programme since it started to the end date on 31 December 2025? Please break it down by months if possible.	This is a nationally funded project, so the ICB has not paid any money into the programme. Information should be sought from NHS England.
4. The funding comes to an end on 31 Dec 2025; however NHS England is consulting with the pharmacy negotiator on a national service from April 2026 (our coverage here). Will the ICB fund the service between Jan 2016 and end of March 2026?	All three BNSSG pathfinder sites will continue to deliver the pilot up to 31 st March 2026. The ICB will fund the service from 1 st January 2026 to 31 st March 2026 when this pilot will end.

<p>5. Please state how much funding will be allocated to the programme each month between January and March and indicate the difference between current funding and this figure. If at a reduced level, please can you quantify this as a percentage of the current funding level.</p>	<p>The funding will be maintained at the same level as the current NHS England funding envelope.</p> <p>We are currently ascertaining how many prescribing sessions each site is able to offer each month January to March 2026. The funding allocation will depend on the response from each site.</p>
<p>6. Why are you stopping or continuing funding for the pharmacy pathfinder programmes?</p>	<p>We are continuing with the service up to March 2026 to maximise learning and therefore value from the programme.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 12 December 2025 and has been approved for release by Dr Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.