

Important Pharmacy First Update

Please Check Your Pharmacy First Clinical Pathway Band Assignment & Monthly Cap (Caps for April 2025 Have Decreased)

From April 2025, new caps on clinical pathways consultations were introduced, with a monthly allocation which will be updated each month.

The Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways band assignments and monthly caps are published on the [NHSBSA website](#). This list indicates the band assignment and monthly cap for each pharmacy by ODS code. **The caps for April 2025 have decreased considerably compared to the previous caps set in January 2025:**

Band	Average Pharmacy First Clinical Pathway consultations delivered per month (November 2024 to January 2025)	Maximum number of Pharmacy First Clinical Pathway consultations per month for which payment will be received
Band 1	Less than 15	32
Band 2	15–20	41
Band 3	21–24	53
Band 4	25–28	62
Band 5	29–36	75
Band 6	37+	135

It is important that providers of Pharmacy First check what band their pharmacy is in and the maximum number of Clinical Pathway consultations that they will be paid for (**activity can be delivered above the monthly cap but the £17 per consultation service fee WILL NOT be paid**).

[Check your pharmacy band here!](#)

Note: if a pharmacy ODS is not included in the list, the pharmacy is automatically considered to be in Band 1 (the lowest band).

The caps set from April 2025 are based on a target volume of Clinical Pathways for 2025/26. Any under delivered volume will be rolled over and used to increase allocations later in the year; depending on consultation numbers, the caps may become higher again later in the year so it is important that you regularly check your Pharmacy First banding.