# Appendix B: Expression of interest for local authorities to participate in the next phase of the digital NHS Health Check

## Application form

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Please note: Expressions of interest should be submitted to [NHSHealthCheck@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:NHSHealthCheck@dhsc.gov.uk) in Word format by 11:59pm on 22nd March 2024.

Please send a completed form as a single document (with no attachments) from a recognised local authority email address.

The subject line of your email should be as follows: ‘Digital NHS Health Check Private Beta Phase EOI: [local authority name]’

## Pre-submission checklist

Before submitting this form, please ensure you have:

* Read and understood the full Guidance document.
* Confirmed that your local authority meets the full eligibility criteria, as specified in the Guidance and at Appendix C.
* A good level of confidence that there are GP provider/s using the EMIS IT system who are willing to engage in the digital NHS Health Check private Beta phase for a period of at least 6 months. You will be required to name the GP providers and confirm eligible population list sizes in 2024/25 if you are selected for the pilots.
* Engaged with your Local Pharmaceutical Committee on your intention to engage in the digital NHS Health Check private Beta phase.

## Section 1: Local authority details

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| Name of local authority submitting application | Insert here |
| **Name of application author** | Insert here |
| **Job title / position of application author** | Insert here |
| **Contact details for application author** | Insert here |
| **Email** | Insert here. If possible, please also include a generic team inbox in the event the application author is on leave. |

## Section 2: Sift criteria

Local authorities must meet all of the following essential criteria to be considered eligible to apply.

### A.1: The local authority is delivering a sufficient level of NHS Health Checks

#### Rationale:

Local authorities must have recent track record of delivering average or above average levels of NHS Health Checks to their eligible population in 2022/23. There are several important reasons for this requirement:

* The digital NHS Health Check will be offered to eligible participants as an alternative option to the in-person check; therefore the local authority must have a well- established in-person programme that identifies, invites and delivers NHS Health Checks to an acceptable proportion of their eligible population each year.
* Local authorities must be onboarded and commence testing with eligible participants from mid-2024; those with programmes performing well will be best placed to commence testing with end users within this ambitious timeframe.

#### Assessment

This question will be assessed by DHSC using recent data from OHID Fingertips tool on the proportion of eligible people **receiving** an NHS Health Check in 2022/23.

Only those local authorities who deliver at least the England average for people receiving an NHS Health Check in 2022/23 will be eligible to apply. Please see Appendix C for a list of those local authorities eligible to apply.

There may be instances where this data is not fully complete or reflective of local authority delivery, for example where there have been recent changes to local authority boundaries. Where a local authority is not listed in Appendix C but can produce compelling evidence that this criterion is otherwise fulfilled, and is interested in applying, please contact us at [NHSHealthCheck@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:NHSHealthCheck@dhsc.gov.uk) well in advance of the deadline to discuss eligibility.

### A.2: The local authority can identify provider/s using the EMIS GP IT system who are willing to be engaged in the pilot for a period of at least 6 months

#### Rationale

The minimum viable product (MVP) of the digital NHS Health Check application in the initial private Beta phase will support and integrate with practices using EMIS GP IT systems only.

Please ensure potential providers exist within the local authority area. Please note if you are shortlisted for the private Beta phase, you will be required to engage and name these GP providers and provide an estimate of the size of the practice’s eligible population size in 2024/25 prior to any final agreement/MOU being signed.

#### Assessment

Please indicate whether there are potential GP provider/s using the EMIS IT system who are willing to engage in the private Beta phase.

Please tick one as applicable:

Yes

No

### A.3: The local authority can commit staff time and resource to support the private Beta phase

#### Rationale

The local authority should provide some dedicated resource with a good level of programme knowledge and experience for no more than one day a week over the proposed 12-month private Beta phase. This is to ensure that the digital NHS health Check service can be appropriately delivered in line with the local context and priorities to support successful delivery.

The staff member/s will join key project meetings, support performance tracking and evaluation discussions, support with data collection, and carry out a liaison role between DHSC, NHSE and providers. The staff member/s should be willing and able to confidently advocate for the programme and champion the digital platform in local system networks.

It is expected that the local authority would cover the cost and line management of this staff member’s time on the project.

Please note if you are shortlisted you will be required to provide the name of the staff member who will take on this role prior to any final agreement/MOU being signed.

#### Assessment

Are you able to provide dedicated resource for one day a week to this programme of work?

Please tick one as applicable:

Yes

No

### A.3: The local authority has the agreement of their Director of Public Health

#### Rationale

The Director of Public Health is responsible for the strategic leadership and oversight of the local NHS Health Check programme, including its commissioning and provision, and therefore must be aware of and support the local authority’s application to participate in the private Beta phase of the digital NHS Health Check.

#### Assessment

Please tick one as applicable:

Yes

No

Note: The Director of Public Health must sign this form prior to submission (see Section 4: Signatures).

### A.5: The local authority can provide a named clinical lead on behalf of the ICB

#### Rationale

The digital NHS Health Check will operate alongside the existing in-person NHS Health Check, and therefore participants of digital checks will require follow on clinical pathways for further assessment if they are identified as having high blood pressure, high blood sugar, very high cholesterol or at high risk of a CVD event in the next 10 years. Therefore, it is important that the local ICB is aware of and supportive of plans to pilot the digital NHS Health Check locally.

#### Assessment

Please insert name, job title of proposed candidate.

Note: local authorities will be able to change the name of the clinical lead prior to project commencement if needed.

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### A.6: The local authority can provide a named Data Protection Officer or equivalent

#### Rationale

The Data Protection Officer will be required to provide advice across identified practices to ensure alignment and adherence to national and local data protection requirements.

#### Assessment

Please insert name, job title of relevant candidate.

Note: local authorities will be able to change the name of the clinical lead prior to project commencement if needed.

1. Insert here.

## Section 3: Assessed criteria

### B.1: Demonstrable experience and commitment to strong partnership working with NHS Health Check providers

Please provide evidence of your strong, well-established commissioner-provider relationship. Your response should include a summary of regular meetings and contact with providers, evidence on the length of the relationship, and evidence of joint problem solving (maximum 200 words).

Insert here.

### B.2: Can evidence that the local population eligible for the NHS Health Check cover a broad range of population groups by age, sex, deprivation deciles, ethnicity and risk factor prevalence.

Please provide an overview of the demographic composition of the population eligible for an NHS Health Check within the local authority in 2024/25. If possible, provide information by age, sex, deprivation, ethnicity, and individual risk-factor prevalence (maximum 200 words).

Insert here.

### B.3: Has established pathways and service/s available to support behavioural change after participants complete their NHS Health Check

Please provide evidence that, upon completion of their digital NHS Health Check, participants can access relevant behaviour change services commissioned locally and/or nationally, including stop smoking services, weight management services, alcohol treatment services, and referrals to the Diabetes Prevention Programme (maximum 200 words).

Insert here.

### B.4: Can evidence local infrastructure available to support participants to carry out blood pressure checks and point of care testing for cholesterol and blood glucose in the community, including community pharmacy.

Please provide evidence that there are established pathways into community-based blood pressure checking and point of care testing for cholesterol and blood glucose (maximum 200 words).

Insert here.

## Section 4: Signatures

### Local authority NHS Health Check commissioning lead

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### Director of Public Health

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