

Convenient clinical care

Your highly trained local pharmacy team provides a wide range of healthcare services.

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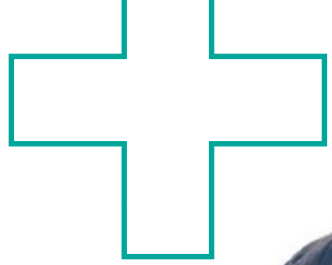


Your local pharmacy can help

- Things have been changing at your local pharmacy, including the introduction of a range of new NHS services.
- Already you can benefit from prompt advice and treatment for minor illnesses, support for healthy living and medicines advice to help you manage your long term medical conditions.
- Many pharmacies now also check blood pressure and provide vaccinations including flu jabs on the NHS.

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- Services that help you to understand new medication you have been prescribed and how to use it to best effect have also been expanded.
- Meanwhile, your pharmacy has become more integrated with other parts of the health service, working in partnership with doctors and hospitals - for example taking formal referrals from general practice.
- Don't miss out on NHS health care available conveniently and close to home, in your local pharmacy.



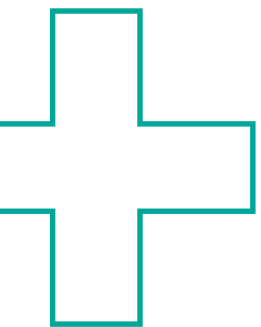
NHS services at all pharmacies in England:

- Dispensing of medicines
- Repeat dispensing
- Waste management
- Signposting
- Support for self-care
- Clinical governance

NHS services at many pharmacies in England include:

- Covid-19 vaccinations
- Stop smoking
- Weight management
- Flu and pneumococcal vaccination
- Test and treat for chlamydia
- Health checks





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Hypertension case finding service

- The service has two stages – the first is identifying people at risk of hypertension and offering them a blood pressure measurement (a ‘clinic check’).
- The second stage is offering 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure monitoring. The blood pressure test results are then shared with the patient’s GP.

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New Medicine Service

- Patients who have been prescribed a medicine to treat a long-term condition for the first time may be able to get extra help and advice about their medicine from their local pharmacist through a free scheme called the New Medicine Service.
- People often have problems when they start a new medicine. The pharmacist will support patients to use the medicine safely and to best effect. The service is only available to people using certain medicines.

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Community Pharmacist Consultation Service

- The service connects patients who have a minor illness or need an urgent supply of a medicine with a community pharmacy. Originally taking referrals from NHS 111, it has now been extended to take referrals from general practices.

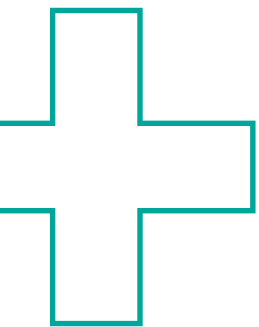
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Discharge Medicines Service

- The service ensures better communication of changes to a patient's medication when they leave hospital and to reduce incidences of avoidable harm caused by medicines.
- Hospitals can refer patients who would benefit from extra guidance around new prescribed medicines after they are discharged.
- Pharmacies then support patients to improve outcomes, prevent harm and reduce readmissions.

A uniquely accessible workforce of health care professionals

- Every day, about 1.8 million people visit a pharmacy
- 84% of adults visit a pharmacy at least once a year
- 96% of the population can get to their local pharmacy within 20 minutes
- People visit pharmacies four times more frequently than they visit their GP



The Pharmacy Team...



The Pharmacist

Qualification

- Four-year Master of Pharmacy degree course
- One-year pre-registration training
- Registration exam to register as practising pharmacist
- 32 schools of pharmacy in UK

Regulation

- All pharmacists must be registered with the regulator in order to practice
- Maintain registration – annual
- Operate within legal and ethical requirements
- Ongoing professional development

Pharmacy support staff

Mandatory training and registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council.

- Pharmacy technicians
- Accuracy checking technicians
- Dispensers



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- ✓ Advice and treatment for minor illnesses
- ✓ A consultation room
- ✓ Support for healthy living
- ✓ Advice on staying well and preventing disease
- ✓ Help to quit smoking
- ✓ Personalised support to get the most from your medicines
- ✓ Vaccinations, including against Covid-19 and flu
- ✓ Health checks
- ✓ Blood pressure monitoring

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