



# Community Pharmacy Charter

We believe that community pharmacy can and should provide an expanded range of NHS services. Pharmacists are highly qualified healthcare professionals operating at the heart of the communities where people live and work. They are trusted, accessible, and supported by highly capable teams.

Community pharmacy can play a vital role in improving public health and wellbeing. Pharmacies are ideally placed to combat medicines waste and sub-optimal use, and make sure patients on complex courses of medicines are effectively supported. And by taking responsibility for the 57 million minor ailments-related consultations GPs deal with every year, pharmacies can save the NHS an estimated £4.8bn annually.

We believe that pharmacy should be empowered to provide:

1. **Public health improvement services**, including sexual health testing and advice, NHS Health Checks, weight management, stop-smoking and substance misuse programmes.
2. **Medicines management services**, including effectively targeted Medicine Use Reviews (MURs), a national First Prescription Service and coordinated support for patients suffering from Long Term Conditions.
3. **A comprehensive Minor Ailments Service**, which will provide a first port of call for patients with coughs, colds, headaches and other 'minor' conditions.