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Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire

Working to represent, support and promote community pharmacy

Press Release

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CHIEF PHARMACEUTICAL OFFICER - VISIT TO WEST YORKSHIRE

We are pleased to report that David Webb, the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England recently visited two West Yorkshire community pharmacies. Alongside David, the visit group included Bruce Warner, Deputy CPO, Ali Sparke NHS England Director for Pharmacy, Optometry, Dentistry and the NHS Standard Contract, Michele Cossey, Regional Pharmacist & Head of Clinical Strategy NHS England North and Keith Kendall Regional Senior Pharmacy Integration Lead North East & Yorkshire region.

The visits were a great showcase for community pharmacy and the topics discussed wide and varied; community pharmacy being the heart of communities, inequalities and the opportunity for community pharmacy to help address them, rising costs and workload demands, clinical services including CPCS, NMS and hypertension, workforce shortages and community pharmacy vaccination services to name but a few.



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About Community Pharmacy

Your local pharmacy is more than just a place to get medicines. It provides a range of NHS services and ensures people can get face-to-face, healthcare professional advice without an appointment.

There are around 11,000 community pharmacies across the UK, so for most of us, there's one very close by. In fact, 96% of people can get to a pharmacy within 20 minutes by walking or using public transport. Community pharmacists provide rapid access, without appointment, to a healthcare professional and offer a range of clinical and public health services. Most pharmacies now have consultation rooms, where you can talk with your pharmacist without being overheard.

You might be surprised at what pharmacies now offer: personalised medicines advice, help to quit smoking and to maintain good sexual health, treatment for common ailments, advice on preventing disease. And more. It's a package of care...not just packets of pills!

What's more, pharmacies are part of the fabric of local communities. They provide local employment and are a health and social care asset close to where people live, work and shop.

Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire is the Local Pharmaceutical Committee for pharmacies in West Yorkshire.

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