

Monday 24th June 2024



*Thank you to the team at
Currie's Chemist and Labour
PPC Judith Cummins.*



Potential Parliamentary Candidate (PPC) Visit!

Currie's Chemist were pleased to host a visit from Labour candidate for Bradford South, Judith Cummins on 24th June 2024.

Judith has been a regular visitor to the pharmacy and attended on this occasion at the request of the owner James Currie, to discuss issues currently impacting community pharmacy.

Judith has always been supportive of community pharmacy and appreciated and applauded the work done at Currie's Chemist and others locally and nationally. Judith was aware of the financial pressure pharmacy contractors are dealing with and noted the 30% decline in income since 2016 and the closure of over 1000 community pharmacies in the time.

The pharmacy team talked with Judith about the success and benefits of pharmacy services, like Pharmacy First and noted that with additional resources community pharmacies could deliver outstanding results for patients and primary care. James Madan, one of the pharmacists hosting the meeting, highlighted the need to encourage GPs to support community pharmacists on training to become independent prescribers.

We also talked about the problems with medicine supplies, particularly in respect of treatments for ADHD and what reason lay behind the supply issues and shortages. The conclusion being a request for a full review of policies and processes around the supply of medicines.

The pharmacy team thanked Judith for her past and ongoing support for community pharmacy and asked that, following the election, should a Labour government be elected, to remember this conversation among the clamour of requests for funding increases from other sectors of primary and secondary care.