Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire

West Yorkshire MP Visit!

Saturday 14th December 2024

Thank you to the team at Currie's Chemist and Labour MP, Judith Cummins.

A huge thank you to the team at Currie's Chemist at Wyke in Bradford who invited their local MP, Judith Cummins, to attend for a flu vaccination. They also used this as an opportunity to discuss some of the issues affecting community pharmacy across the country.

James Madan, a CPWY committee member and pharmacist at Currie's Chemist said:

"Having Judith Cummins MP attend for her flu vaccine helps to promote seasonal vaccinations uptake to the general public. With flu, COVID, RSV and norovirus circulating together, it is more important than ever to ensure those who are eligible are vaccinated.

Judith has always been an advocate for community pharmacy and greatly appreciates the work that we do for our communities. During her visit, we took the opportunity to discuss some of the major concerns that we are facing. In particular, the funding crisis that community pharmacy find itself in, with funding reduced 30% in the past 10 years and over 60% of pharmacies operating at a loss, a serious injection of cash is needed to stabilise the sector to ensure we are able to continue providing the services we strive for to our local populations.

Additionally, we discussed the impact that the National Pharmacy Association's call to action is likely to have and how their recommended action is needed to prove to DHSC and NHSE the seriousness of the lack of funding and to restart negotiations immediately.

None of this came as a surprise to Judith and she vowed to support where she can."