

# Pharmacy First: What GPs Need to Know

The Pharmacy First Service can help reduce pressure of GP practices



Pharmacy First allows GPs and others to **electronically refer patients directly to pharmacies** for minor illness consultations.



**Managing NHS resources** more appropriately.



Pharmacists can **supply certain prescription-only medicines**, if clinically appropriate, for common conditions.

**Expanding on work** they have already been doing.

As **experts in medicines and managing minor conditions**, pharmacists can determine which medicine to give and when.

**Helping ease pressure** elsewhere in the NHS.



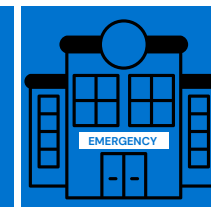
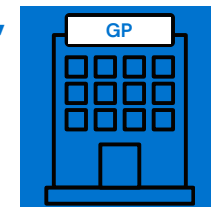
Any treatment supplied is **recorded in the patient's GP record** via new IT developments.

**Providing visibility** to other healthcare professionals.



**Onward referral isn't usually needed**, but in a small number of cases the patient will be referred elsewhere.

**Ensuring people are directed** to the most appropriate place.



**ACUTE OTITIS MEDIA**

1 to 17 years



**IMPETIGO**

1 year and over



**INFECTED INSECT BITE**

1 year and over



Covering  
**7 common conditions**

(age restrictions apply)

**SHINGLES**

18 years and over



**SINUSITIS**

12 years and over



**SORE THROAT**

5 years and over



**UNCOMPLICATED UTI**

Women  
16 to 64 years



Information and resources can be found on the CPWY website by scanning the QR code.

If you need support, please email [phil@cpwy.org](mailto:phil@cpwy.org).

**Over 90%** of community pharmacies in England have signed up to provide it.



Please use Pharmacy First to electronically refer patients with minor conditions to community pharmacies.