



Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire

West Yorkshire MP Visit!

Friday 14th February 2025



A huge thank you to the team at Allerton Bywater Pharmacy who hosted their local MP, Keir Mather, for a visit! The team took the opportunity to discuss the potential of community pharmacy, funding issues and more.

Saghir Ahmed, Director of Operations and Development for Imaan Healthcare pharmacies said:

"We were happy to support CPWY by hosting Keir Mather MP at Allerton Bywater Pharmacy. It was important for Keir to understand the huge potential community pharmacy has in supporting and developing primary care so that it can meet the needs of our ever changing communities. We have more elderly people than ever before and with a wide variety of complexities in their healthcare needs. Community pharmacy is not solely a building that dispenses medicines at the request of a doctor; it is a hub for the community where patients and other healthcare professionals can access a highly skilled healthcare practitioner, the pharmacist. We need to further develop synergistic working with GPs to help them increase capacity to see more patients with complex needs, rather than having to resort to unnecessary hospital visits.

However, to realise this potential we need NHSE to fund community pharmacy correctly. We have had approx a 25% reduction in real terms funding over the past six years and this is not sustainable for community pharmacy and primary care. For our NHS to be considered world leading, we need to ensure that it is funded appropriately. We have excellent pharmacists and support staff that are capable of providing a world class pharmacy service but we need NHSE to help foster this."

Our CEO, Nicola, said:

"Keir took genuine interest and listened to the team as they shared the invaluable service they offer to their patients, discussing newer services such as Pharmacy First, local residents that rely on medication provided in a compliance aid (an unfunded service), which many pharmacies can no longer afford to offer. Details around the crippling financial situation community pharmacy is currently in whilst awaiting the contact negotiations was also discussed during the visit. "

Thank you again to the team at Allerton Bywater Pharmacy and Labour MP, Keir Mather.

