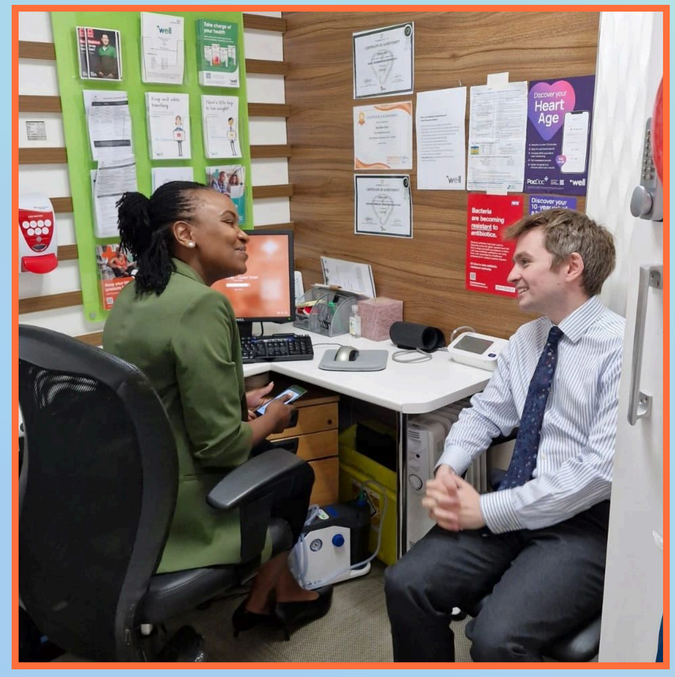
Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire

West Yorkshire MP Visit!

Friday 27th June 2025

Our CEO, Nicola, visited Well Pharmacy in Morley to welcome local MP Mark Sewards. She was joined by Area Manager Leanne Whittaker, Branch Responsible Pharmacist Phyliss Kimani, Team Leader Michelle, and team members Surinder and Yvonne.



Thank you to the team at Well Pharmacy, Queen Street Morley, and Labour MP, Mark Sewards!

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Phyliss said:

"Mark was approachable, friendly, and engaged in conversation throughout the visit, demonstrating a genuine interest in understanding the day to day workings of a community pharmacy. The pharmacy team highlighted several key aspects of the profession, including the importance of clinical engagement with patients through initiatives like Pharmacy First. We expressed our hope that the GP contract can be aligned with the pharmacy contract, allowing us to serve even more patients and channel Minor Ailments and Pharmacy First conditions to the pharmacy. This collaboration would provide a win-win situation for both surgeries and pharmacies, as it would free up GP time to focus on more complex cases and offer patients easier access to pharmacies while also providing much-needed resources to pharmacies.

During the visit, we also discussed the Blood Pressure Service offered at the pharmacy and offered Mark the opportunity to experience the service first hand, emphasising its impact on patients' health. We underscored the need for additional Government funding to support pharmacies in hiring more staff to accommodate the increasing demand for services amidst reduced staffing hours. We also touched on the effects of staff shortages, leading to delayed prescriptions, which Well Pharmacy has mitigated by implementing a central dispensing system for most prescriptions.

The discussion also included the challenges posed by drug shortages from suppliers, the impact of theft on pharmacy businesses, the closure of shops along Morley Town Street, and its effect on pharmacy footfall.

Overall, the visit provided an excellent platform to engage with key stakeholders and discuss the critical role that community pharmacies play in delivering healthcare services. We look forward to continued collaboration and support from our local MP and Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire as we work together to improve healthcare outcomes for our community."