

# General Practice Briefing: Improving Inhaler Technique Through Community Pharmacy Service



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## Service Outline

Our pharmacy, as part of a Greater Manchester wide initiative, is now providing a service which aims to improve the inhaler technique and consequently the health outcomes of our patients. We will provide an inhaler technique check to patients on inhaled medication for the treatment of asthma or COPD.

Our pharmacist will:

- Assess disease control using ACT or CAT.
- Assess Inhaler technique visually and using InCheck.
- Provides health promotion information (e.g. smoking cessation advice) during the initial intervention.
- Follow up with a brief intervention 6-8 weeks later.
- Make appropriate feedback and recommendations to patients and their following both consultations.

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## What do you need to do?

Look out for our notifications and feedback for your patients.

We may advise some changes such a patient starting to use a spacer or different device. Please take note of our recommendation and ask any questions.

We are happy to accept referrals from your practice if you would find it useful; please contact our pharmacy to discuss further if you would like to set this up.

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## Service Eligibility

The Service is available to young people and adults who regularly attend our pharmacy to collect their medication for asthma and COPD.

If you would like any further information about this or any other service that we provide, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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