



North Yorkshire
Local Pharmaceutical Committee
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Pharmacies are Able, Ready and Willing to Help Ease the Pressure on GPs and A&E Dep'ts this Winter.

The government is encouraging people who are feeling under the weather this winter to visit their local pharmacy first rather than GPs' surgeries and Hospital A&E Departments.

Jeremy Hunt, the Secretary of State for Health, is encouraging more people to make better use of their local pharmacy team to deal with the common conditions we all suffer with from time to time, especially as the weather begins to turn cold. NHS England is actively promoting pharmacies as a key first contact point for care with its campaign, "Feeling under the weather campaign"

As much as 20% of a GP's time can be spent dealing with common ailments such as colds and coughs that can be dealt with by visiting a pharmacy.

Liz Colling, Pharmacist and Chair of the North Yorkshire Pharmaceutical Committee, said:

"North Yorkshire's community pharmacies have lots of experience in helping people with advice on the best form of treatment for common winter ailments. We are willing and able to support the Government's and the NHS's initiative to encourage people to use their local pharmacy more. They are accessible and

convenient and it makes a great deal of sense at a time when pressure on GPs and Hospital A&E Departments increases during the winter.”

Next time you have a common winter condition, why not try your local pharmacy first?

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Editor Notes

For Further information and an opportunity to visit or speak to a pharmacist locally

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