

COMMUNITY PHARMACY



The basics

Community pharmacists are the most accessible healthcare professionals. Every day they ensure thousands of people receive the medicines and advice they need, but here are some facts you might not have known about pharmacy.

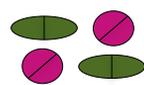
There are



11,646

community pharmacies in
England

MORE THAN



1 billion

prescription items are
dispensed in community
pharmacies each year

EVERY DAY



1.6m people



visit a community
pharmacy in England



89.2%

of the
population

can walk to a community
pharmacy in **20 minutes**



MORE THAN

485,000

flu vaccinations were
given in pharmacies in
the last flu season

Pharmacies delivered
more than

3.17 million

medicines use reviews in
2014/15 to help improve
adherence to medicines

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Value in dispensing



Community pharmacies dispense over a billion prescription items annually. They do this safely and efficiently, offering accessibility for patients and best value for the NHS. Community pharmacy medicines purchasing saves billions of pounds.

Since 2005

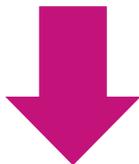
effective medicines purchasing helped save the NHS

£10bn 

UK pharmaceutical expenditure per capita is only

78% of some economically developed countries

In the UK, prescribing cost per item spend has

 **decreased**

UK average prescriptions costs are consistently **lower than** the US, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa

And pharmacies do a lot more...

THROUGH
OVER **850**

local services pharmacies improve public health and support communities

750,000 

patients starting new medicines are helped to get the most out of them

THE FUTURE FOR THE NHS

Extraordinary challenges ahead



The health service is expected to have a shortfall of **£30 billion** by 2020/21

Emergency deficit funding of  **c. £1 billion** may be required this year

The NHS has been tasked with increasing its efficiency by **4%** a year

The community pharmacy network is ideally placed to help.

84% of adults visit a pharmacy every year 

– they are the most commonly accessed healthcare locations

Pharmacy is highly efficient, dispensing more than

1 billion

prescriptions annually and keeping medicines costs low

The NHS must use this accessibility and regular patient contact to build services to help it meet the ongoing financial and demand challenges.

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A plan to protect the NHS



Community pharmacies are well used and trusted by their local communities. Clinical services that support the medicines supply function of these pharmacies can offer more convenient care for patients and better value for the NHS.

DEVELOPING PHARMACY SERVICES COULD:



TO ACHIEVE THIS NHS ENGLAND SHOULD COMMISSION COMMUNITY PHARMACIES TO:

1. Offer a care package for patients focused on their medicines, and making routine use of electronic repeat dispensing.
2. Carry out inhaler technique checks and give coaching sessions to patients prescribed inhalers.
3. Record prescription interventions using a standard classification system with data collated centrally.
4. Routinely offer people medicines reviews when they are discharged from hospital.
5. Offer a Pharmacy First service, including giving people advice on minor ailments and making emergency supplies of prescription medicines.
6. Take part in up to six nationally agreed public health campaigns each year.