**COVID-19: YOUR LOCAL PHARMACIES**

Dear [MP],

[As you know,] The [xxx Local Pharmaceutical Committee] represents the community pharmacies in [name of constituency]. We [have very much appreciated your previous support for community pharmacy and] wanted to update you on how the sector has responded to the pandemic in recent months.

Community pharmacies have been working tirelessly to ensure the public can get the medicines and healthcare support that they desperately need as the COVID-19 outbreak continues. Pharmacies have seen an unprecedented demand for advice and increases in prescription volumes and requests for advice during the peak of the pandemic in the UK. As we head towards what is likely to be a difficult winter, it is more important than ever that we use the valuable network of community pharmacies to help keep people healthy and out of hospitals.

We would like to invite you to find out more about how local pharmacies have responded to the pandemic, and how they will be vital assets to patients and the NHS this winter.

Some MPs are beginning to visit pharmacies again (in a socially distanced manner) and if you would like to visit one in [name of constituency], please let us know and we can help arrange this. Alternatively, if you would rather receive a virtual update via Zoom, the LPC would be more than happy to arrange a date and time for a call.

Kind regards,

[xxx]