

Pharmacy First: What GPs need to know



The Pharmacy First service can help reduce pressure on GP practices 



Pharmacy First allows GPs and others to **refer patients directly to pharmacies** for minor illness consultations



Managing NHS resources more appropriately.



Pharmacists can **supply certain prescription-only medicines**, if clinically appropriate, for common conditions



Expanding on work they have already been doing.

As **experts in medicines and managing minor conditions**, pharmacists can determine which medicine to give and when

Helping ease pressure elsewhere in the NHS.



Any treatment supplied is **recorded in the patient's GP record** via new IT developments

Providing visibility to other healthcare professionals



Onward referral isn't usually needed, but in a small number of cases the patient will be referred elsewhere

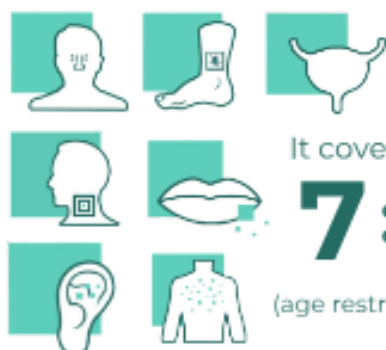
Ensuring people are directed to the most appropriate place



Pharmacy First could help save up to

10m

GP appointments a year



It covers

7

 common conditions

(age restrictions apply)



Over

90%

of community pharmacies in England have signed up to provide it

Please use Pharmacy First to refer patients with minor conditions to community pharmacies

For more information, visit cpe.org.uk/pharmacyfirst