

The Community Pharmacy Imposition

The Government has imposed a £113m reduction in community pharmacy funding for 2016/17 as compared to 2015/16. This could have a damaging effect on healthcare across the country.

The Impact: We are concerned about the impact that this funding cut could have on patients and the wider healthcare system.



Low dispensing pharmacies in areas with the highest health needs will be targeted for the greatest cuts



Pharmacies may be forced to reduce opening hours and staffing levels

Free services such as home delivery of medicines and the supply of medicines in compliance aids may stop



This may lead to additional pressures on GP practices and urgent care services



The Alternative: We believe that developing community pharmacy services could create significant savings.

£2.2bn could be saved in five years through a pharmacy minor ailments advice service



More than 27,394 hospital admissions due to asthma could be avoided by using a pharmacy respiratory support service



Each GP appointment prevented by pharmacy minor ailments and emergency supply services saves the NHS £45

A £34m saving in hospital costs could be made by reducing falls



At least 19.5m GP appointments could be transferred to community pharmacy



£3,710 could be saved per patient per year using a pharmacy reablement service



94% of people using a pharmacy minor ailments advice service would have used GP practices or urgent care services had it not been in place