

Community Pharmacies of the Future #1

Preventing ill health and supporting wellbeing



Substance use services

People will be able to access services such as supervised consumption, needle and syringe services and supply of naloxone.

Providing clinical care for patients

Community pharmacist consultation service

People will be able to walk-in or be directed by other healthcare professionals to community pharmacies as a first port of call for minor illness or the urgent supply of medicines, relieving pressure on the wider NHS. This will include the prescribing or supply via patient group directions of medicines where clinically necessary.

Women's health services

Women will have more choice and access to sexual health services including supply of regular, long-acting and emergency contraception and a menopause advice service.



Weight management

People will be supported with weight management either by accessing a pharmacy-based service or being referred to another service such as the NHS digital weight management service, depending on their needs.

Cancer detection and referrals

People will be able to visit their pharmacy for a cancer detection service and be directly referred for follow-up if needed.

Smoking Cessation Advice

All smokers and users of vapes will be able to access a pharmacy-based smoking cessation service.



Case-finding and health checks

People will be able to access services to check if they have certain conditions such as hypertension, atrial fibrillation, diabetes and COPD, with pharmacy teams using point of care testing and phlebotomy, with follow-up and a personalised wellbeing plan being provided.

Expanding vaccination services

People will have increased choice and access as to where they receive a wide range of vaccinations.



Dermatology service

As independent prescribers, pharmacists will be able to offer dermatology services for management of conditions such as eczema, acne and psoriasis.

Management of long-term conditions

As independent prescribers, pharmacists will be able to manage certain long-term conditions such as hypertension and asthma.

