**Invitation to visit local pharmacy to learn more about the new ‘Pharmacy First’ service**

Dear [MP name]

[Thank you for your ongoing and longstanding support of community pharmacies].

I am writing to invite you to visit a pharmacy in [constituency], to learn more about a new national NHS community pharmacy service: the Pharmacy First service.

As you may know, from 31st January 2024, people across [area] will be able to visit their local pharmacy and speak to a pharmacist who will provide advice and NHS-funded treatment (when clinically appropriate) for seven common conditions.

[The vast majority of] pharmacies in your constituency are expected to sign up to offer this service to support people seeking help with: sore throats, earache, insect bites, shingles, urinary tract infections (in women), and sinus and skin infections – and all without needing to get a GP appointment.

The Pharmacy First service, part of the Government’s [Delivery Plan for Recovering Access to Primary Care](https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/delivery-plan-for-recovering-access-to-primary-care-2/), will empower pharmacists to use more of their skills and give people more choice. [Community Pharmacy England](https://cpe.org.uk/) has produced a comprehensive MP briefing on the plan [here](https://cpe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Briefing-Community-Pharmacies-and-the-Delivery-Plan-for-Recovering-Access-to-Primary-Care.pdf), as well as some social media assets welcoming the announcement [here](https://cpe.org.uk/learn-more-about-community-pharmacy/information-for-politicians/).

We would appreciate the opportunity to explain more about how the service will benefit local communities, as well as ways in which you can help to ensure your constituents understand and are aware of what help they can expect.

I hope this is of interest. Please do let me know when you would like to visit a pharmacy and if you have any questions about the service.