

## Template news story to be included on a GP practice website

### Think Pharmacy First

Over 95% of pharmacies in England have signed up to the NHS Pharmacy First service which supports people in certain age groups who need help with :

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

If you have symptoms that suggest you may have one of these conditions, you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room. Our staff can also electronically refer you to a pharmacy of your choice for the service.

Pharmacists will provide advice and, if clinically necessary, offer you an NHS medicine to treat your condition (NHS prescription charges apply if you normally pay for medicines supplied on prescription). They will then send us an electronic message so your GP health record can be updated.

Should the pharmacist be unable to help, you will be directed to our GP surgery or other health professional as appropriate.

If you have symptoms that suggest you have one of the above conditions, why not give the Pharmacy First service a try?

For more information, visit [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)