**Template news story to be included in a newsletter**

**Think Pharmacy First**

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the NHS Pharmacy First service which allows pharmacists to provide advice and where appropriate, supply NHS medicines for the following conditions:

* 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. Your GP surgery may also refer you to the service if you contact them but they believe it is appropriate for you to be seen by a pharmacist.

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://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/)