

## **[Name] MP visits [Pharmacy Name], recognising the vital role of community pharmacies**

This week, [MP Name], Member of Parliament for [Constituency], visited [Pharmacy Name] in [Town/Location] to see first-hand the essential services pharmacies provide and speak with staff about the opportunities and challenges facing the sector.

Community pharmacies are a cornerstone of local healthcare—offering accessible, expert advice, life-saving medicines, and everyday support for people managing their health.

Pharmacists and pharmacy teams are often the first point of contact for patients, particularly in areas where access to other healthcare services may be limited. From helping people manage long-term conditions to supporting minor ailments, vaccinations, and medicine reviews, community pharmacies play a crucial role in keeping the NHS running efficiently and patients well cared for.

During the visit, [MP Name] heard about the growing demand on pharmacies and the potential to expand clinical services as the NHS continues its shift towards community-based care.


The discussion also touched on recent government steps to support the sector, including a new funding agreement and plans to expand services such as Pharmacy First and contraception provision. These steps are welcome, but pharmacies continue to face financial and operational pressures and need ongoing support as they work with Government towards a long-term sustainable future.

[MP Name] said:

“Community pharmacies like [Pharmacy Name] are a vital part of our healthcare system. They offer trusted advice, timely access to care, and play an increasingly important role in easing pressure on GP surgeries and hospitals.

I’m committed to supporting their growth and ensuring they have the investment and recognition needed to continue delivering for patients. Their potential to do even more is clear—and that’s something we should all get behind.”

Pharmacy leaders have welcomed renewed engagement from government and NHS bodies, but continue to emphasise the need for long-term planning and sustainable

funding to ensure pharmacies can meet rising demand and deliver new clinical services. 

[Name], Chief Officer at Community Pharmacy [Location/LPC], said: 

“We were delighted to host [MP Name] and share the incredible work happening in our local pharmacies every day. These teams are providing accessible care in the heart of the community, and with the right support, they can do even more to improve health outcomes.

The recent steps taken by the government are a move in the right direction, but we know more is needed to ensure pharmacies remain a strong and sustainable part of the NHS.”

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*Further detail on the recent community pharmacy funding announcement be found at:*  
<https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/cpcf-arrangements-for-2024-25-and-2025-26-announced/>