

# Pharmacy First: What GPs need to know



The Pharmacy First service can help reduce pressure on GP practices 



Pharmacy First allows GPs and others to **electronically refer patients directly to pharmacies** for minor illness consultations



**Managing NHS resources** more appropriately.



Pharmacists can **supply certain prescription-only medicines**, if clinically appropriate, for common conditions



**Expanding on work** they have already been doing.

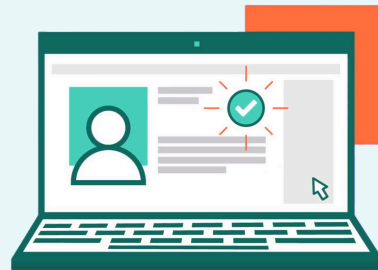
As **experts in medicines and managing minor conditions**, pharmacists can determine which medicine to give and when

**Helping ease pressure** elsewhere in the NHS.



Any treatment supplied is **recorded in the patient's GP record** via new IT developments

**Providing visibility** to other healthcare professionals



**Onward referral isn't usually needed**, but in a small number of cases the patient will be referred elsewhere

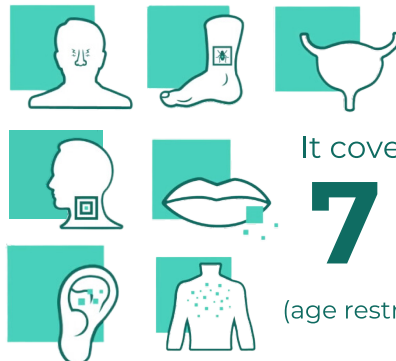
**Ensuring people are directed** to the most appropriate place



Pharmacy First **could help save up to**

**10m**

GP appointments a year



It covers

**7** common conditions

(age restrictions apply)



Over

**90%**

of community pharmacies in England have signed up to provide it

**Please use Pharmacy First to electronically refer patients with minor conditions to community pharmacies**

For more information, visit [cpe.org.uk/pharmacyfirst](https://cpe.org.uk/pharmacyfirst)