

Guide to Community Pharmacy in Wales for Optometry Practices



Community Pharmacy Services

Community Pharmacies provide a range of contracted NHS services, including dispensing, disposal of medication, provision of pharmaceutical advice and signposting, as well as a number of NHS clinical services. They may also provide non contractual services such as prescription collection, ordering and delivery, or private clinical services. Anyone can refer in to clinical services, but patient access may not be immediate (usually within 48 hours).

Common Ailments Service (CAS)

Most pharmacies provide CAS - providing NHS funded consultation, advice and treatment where appropriate for 26 minor conditions including **Bacterial Conjunctivitis and Dry Eye** (following diagnosis) Optometry practices can refer into the service or patients can self refer but patient access may not be immediate, but is usually within 48 hours.



What conditions are covered?

Pharmacists can offer advice and/or treatment for 26 agreed conditions. These are:

- Acne vulgaris
- Allergic rhinitis
- Athlete's foot
- Otitis externa (in children under 5-6 years of age)
- Cuts/scratches*
- Cuts/injuries*
- Conjunctivitis (bacterial)
- Cough/cold
- Dandruff*
- Dry eye disease
- Dry skin including dermatitis and atopic eczema
- Dyspareunia
- Haemorrhoids
- Head lice
- Ingrowing toenail*
- Lower back pain (acute)
- Mouth ulcers (simple aphthae)
- Nappy rash
- Oral thrush
- Ringworm, fungal nail and infections
- Scabies
- Sore throat
- Teething
- Thrush/vaginitis
- Vaginal thrush
- Warts and verrucae



Independent Prescribing Services

Additional service for pharmacies employing Independent Prescribing Pharmacists. Covers a range of conditions depending on the scope of the prescriber. Conditions covered may include: ENT infections, Excessive ear wax, Urinary Tract Infections in adult women, Respiratory Tract Infections, Gout, Skin conditions/infections and Contraception. Please check with the pharmacy which conditions are within their prescribers scope of practice

Contraception, Smoking Cessation, Flu Vaccinations and other clinical services

Most Pharmacies in Wales provide emergency contraception, and quickstart/bridging contraception services on the NHS. Many also provide NHS seasonal Flu vaccination services. Smoking Cessation services such as Help Me Quit support are also provided in a number of pharmacies, alongside a host of other clinical services. For more information on the services community pharmacies can provide, speak to your local pharmacies, or visit the CPW website using the QR code here or at www.cpwales.org.uk



Methods of Supply

Pharmacies may dispense items against legally valid NHS or Private Prescriptions, are able to sell medications legally classified as a P or GSL or may dispense against Signed Orders, which currently attract a private transaction fee. The Independent prescribing service is a free service providing NHS prescriptions, and the Common Ailments service allows supply of medications from a restricted formulary and only for specific indications

Optometry to Pharmacy referral forms and further information here:

