



ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 15 March 2010

Report of Corporate Director Corporate and Adult Services

Review of Access to Pharmacy First

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider and comment on Pharmacy First Services.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 There are two types of services available from pharmacies. Firstly there is a general access to health services and medicines available from chemists which could include advice and treatment for a range of minor ailments.
- 2.2 Secondly, there is the Pharmacy First scheme. This provides a range of services for patients who are registered with a GP and don't pay prescription charges. They are given access to free advice and treatment, if necessary, for a range of minor ailments. A minor ailment is an illness or condition that affects health, but which can be easily treated. Minor ailments covered by the Pharmacy First service include Bites and Stings; Constipation; Cough; Conjunctivitis; Diarrhoea; Earache; Hayfever; Headache; Headlice; Indigestion/ Heart Burn/ Tummy upset; Nasal Congestion; Sore throat; Temperature; Threadworm; Thrush (vaginal). There would be no requirement for the patient to attend the GP for an appointment or a prescription.
- 2.3 At the January 2010 meeting the Commission agreed to invite the PCT to brief members on the type of services available at local pharmacies and explain:
- Types of services provided through Pharmacy First
 - Level of take up of this service in the city
 - How well the current scheme is understood and used by the public
 - How pharmacy first is promoted by the PCT, if at all
 - Consider the views of the patients, GP's and pharmacies about this scheme
 - To consider the impact if any of pharmacy first GP workload
- 2.4 Valerie Winn, Assistant Director of Primary Care Commissioning will be attending the meeting together with a pharmacist to explain the role and responsibilities of community pharmacies and answer any questions.

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Background papers:	None
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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. The Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 gives health scrutiny committees powers to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny will benefit all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority of helping us all to be healthy, active and independent