

# Pharmacy First Service

**Pharmacy First Service** is a new service which launched 31.01.24

The service enables community pharmacists to supply prescription-only medicines, including anti-biotics and anti-virals where clinically appropriate, to treat 7 health conditions without the need to visit the GP. The 7 ailments are:



<i>Acute Otitis Media (ear infection)</i>	<i>For 1 to 17 year olds</i>
<i>Impetigo</i>	<i>For 1 year olds and over</i>
<i>Infected Insect Bites</i>	<i>For 1 year olds and over</i>
<i>Shingles</i>	<i>For 18 years and over</i>
<i>Sinusitis</i>	<i>For 12 years and over</i>
<i>Sore Throat</i>	<i>For 5 years and over</i>
<i>Uncomplicated UTI</i>	<i>For <b>women</b> 16-64 years</i>



- Our reception team are trained to signpost patients to this service to ensure you are given the care you need, as quickly and efficiently as possible. You can still request to see a GP, but please keep in mind wait times may vary.
- Pharmacists can still offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throat, tummy trouble, aches and pains).



**SORE THROAT**

- If symptoms suggest something more serious, pharmacists can ensure you get the help you need.
  - Many pharmacists are open until late and weekends.
  - You do not need an appointment.

