



# ALL-PARTY PHARMACY GROUP

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## INVITATION TO ALL-PARTY GROUP MEETING

### Pharmacy after the election: Policy priorities for the first 100 days

Recognition of pharmacy's importance in healthcare has grown hugely in recent years. Policymakers and politicians of all parties agree that whether it is tackling public health challenges, caring for people with long-term conditions, ensuring the best use of medication, or promoting and maintaining well-being, pharmacies are right at the heart of the solution.

Some good progress has been made in implementing changes and getting more out of pharmacy. But after the next General Election, the incoming government needs to capitalise fully on the profession's capability. In order to assist that, the All-Party Pharmacy Group will shortly be publishing a set of patient focused commitments that we believe the next government must adopt. These 'Policy Pledges' will reflect our views on the high-impact developments that will maximise pharmacy's contribution to the quality and efficiency challenge.

This meeting will be a consultation session, to facilitate discussion amongst key stakeholder across the health sector, on the content of those Policy Pledges. Outline thinking is set out below. Each of these issues will be considered at the meeting and additional ideas from the invited audience will be welcome. The session will be fully interactive, and we ask that guests come armed with ideas on the early steps that need to be taken to maximise the effectiveness of pharmacy in the NHS. Key points raised in the course of the meeting will be taken in to account in the APPG's 'Policy Pledges' document, to be launched in the coming weeks.

Areas likely to be discussed during the meeting:

- **NHS local and national commissioning arrangements**
- **Pharmacy input at PCT board/committee level**
- **Public awareness of the growing range of pharmacy services**
- **Targets for implementation of new pharmacy services**
- **Improved collaboration and information sharing between pharmacists, GPs and other health professionals.**
- **Using NHS information technology more effectively**
- **Managing long term conditions: Sustainable funding and rewards for quality & outcomes**

**Date:** 4 pm, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

**Venue:** Committee Room 16, Palace of Westminster, London, SW1  
(Public entrance on Cromwell Green, please allow time for security checks)

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