



# ALL-PARTY PHARMACY GROUP

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## INVITATION TO ALL-PARTY GROUP MEETING

### **Rising to the Public Health challenge: harnessing pharmacy's potential**

There are few who would deny that community pharmacy has a major role to play in public health. Indeed, pharmacists have been steadily adding public health services to the range of advice and support they offer to the public. They manage stop smoking campaigns, provide advice on sexual health, lead weight management programmes and more. Their highly accessible location, trusted status and ability to reach those in society who are hardest to reach should make them a natural partner in tackling the public health challenges.

But this good practice is patchy, rather than consistent across the country.

Why is that, and why isn't the development of pharmacy-led public health services moving apace? What can we learn from those areas of good practice where pharmacy-led public health programmes are reaping dividends for local people and the NHS? How have they succeeded in getting services off the ground and delivering results, and what do those results tell us about pharmacists' potential in public health?

At this meeting, the Group will hear from NHS commissioners and public health experts, as well as pharmacists, about what is working locally, why its working and how to learn from these positive experiences so that every community can benefit from pharmacy-led public health services, not just a few. We will identify the actions that the Public Health White Paper can promote to speed this process along.

**Date:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 2-3pm

**Venue:** Committee Room 9, House of Commons, SW1A 0AA  
(Public entrance on Cromwell Green, please allow time for security checks)

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