



# ALL-PARTY PHARMACY GROUP

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## **Parliamentarians announce extension of the deadline for submitting written evidence to the inquiry into NHS medicines shortages**

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After receiving a much higher than anticipated number of submissions to inquiry on NHS medicines shortages, the All Party Pharmacy Group has today announced that it will be extending the deadline for further submissions to Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Commenting on the decision, Oliver Colvile MP, Vice-Chair of the All Party Pharmacy Group, said:

“We’ve had a great response so far, and this is clearly an important problem which people from across the medicines supply chain are keen to see resolved. To succeed in this task we need to hear from as many people as possible, and with the current deadline falling in the busy Christmas period it makes sense to extend it by a month”

The inquiry will begin taking oral evidence at a number of hearings in the new year, and hopes to report on its findings by Easter 2012.

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For more information, please contact Simon Whale, Jack Colson or Lucy Hopkins on 0207 618 9100.

### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

#### **The inquiry**

The All-Party Pharmacy Group will be contacting relevant parties and seeking evidence immediately. Dates for evidence sessions and other information about the inquiry will be announced on the Group’s website [www.appg.org.uk](http://www.appg.org.uk).

**About the APPG**

The All-Party Pharmacy Group is a group of MPs and peers from across the political parties. Its focus is on issues affecting the profession of pharmacy.

The group receives financial support from the Company Chemists' Association, the National Pharmacy Association, the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. The financial support funds the administrative assistance that the Group receives from Luther Pendragon.

Further information about the All-Party Pharmacy Group is available on the Group's website [www.appg.org.uk](http://www.appg.org.uk)