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INVITATION TO ALL-PARTY GROUP MEETING

An audience with Earl Howe

The Coalition Government is facing major healthcare challenges: enhancing quality and outcomes; tackling health inequalities; promoting healthy living and improving public health; caring for the growing numbers of people with long-term conditions; ensuring the best use of medication – all must be addressed in the context of a tight financial environment for the NHS.

Six months after setting out a far-reaching plan for structural reform of the Health Service, how does the Government view pharmacy and its role in rising to the challenges faced by the NHS? How do ministers intend to translate their positive recognition of pharmacy's capability into tangible actions that benefit patients and taxpayers? What do they expect from pharmacy, and how do they see the profession working alongside GPs, local government and the Commissioning Board? What do they expect pharmacy to be doing in the re-structured NHS?

This meeting provides a well-timed opportunity to hear the views of the minister with responsibility for pharmacy, Earl Howe. With the Public Health White Paper expected around the time of the meeting, Earl Howe will offer his thoughts on how best to define and roll-out the profession's role at this challenging time for the NHS. This will be an interactive session with plenty of opportunity for questions and comment from the invited audience.

Speakers: **Earl Howe, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Quality, Department of Health**

Date: **Tuesday 7th December 2010, 4pm**

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

To confirm your place at this meeting please email appg@luther.co.uk