

Pharmacy **FIRST**



Get prescription medicines
straight from a local pharmacy

What is Pharmacy First?

A new NHS service which allows patients in Liverpool to get prescription medicines for some minor conditions straight from a local pharmacy - no need to contact your GP practice first.

WHICH CONDITIONS ARE COVERED?



Sore throats –
for those aged 1+.



Impetigo (skin infection)
– for all ages, unless lesions are on the lips, nose, or covering large areas.



Urinary infections –
for women aged between 18 – 65 years, unless pregnant or a recurring infection.



Mild skin conditions
(such as dermatitis, mild eczema or insect bite reactions) –
for those aged 1+.



Oral thrush in babies –
for those aged between 1 month old and under 2 years, unless they've already had it within the past 8 weeks.



Minor cuts, burns, scalds, and nappy rash
– for all ages.



Eye infections (conjunctivitis) –
for all ages, except babies under 3 months.

Here's how to use it:

1. Drop into a local pharmacy and ask about treatment under 'Pharmacy First'.
2. The pharmacist will ask a few quick questions about your symptoms and health history to make sure you are suitable for treatment.

You can access Pharmacy First with your child or young person too.

What about other conditions?

Even if your condition is not treatable under Pharmacy First, community pharmacists can provide lots of helpful advice on treating a wide range of minor illnesses and injuries. Many pharmacies are open early until late, and over weekends.

How else can I get help?

If you need urgent medical help you can also contact NHS 111 at any time – simply call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk.

Can everyone use Pharmacy First?

Pharmacy First is suitable for most people, but if you've already received treatment for the same condition recently, you might not be eligible. This includes anyone who has been treated:

- Once or more in the last three months.
- Twice or more in the last six months.
- Three or more times in the last year.

If this is the case, please make an appointment with your GP practice instead so that they can investigate further.

What does it cost?

Pharmacy First is completely free for people who don't pay for their prescriptions. If you do pay, you'll be charged at the normal prescription rate.



Please note: Pharmacy First is only available in Liverpool pharmacies.

WHY USE PHARMACY FIRST?

- ✓ It's fast
- ✓ It's convenient
- ✓ No GP appointment needed



For more information
please ask a member of your pharmacy team.