

Choose Pharmacy

The Choose Pharmacy Computer application has been developed to take pressure off GP services in Wales. It includes the **Common Ailments Service (CAS), Discharge Medicines Review (DMR), Emergency Medicine Supply (EMS) & Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC)**.

The application is for use by Community Pharmacists in Wales (700+ sites). Currently the Common Ailment Service and the Discharge Medicine Review modules are in use across 3 Health Boards.

Common Ailments Service (CAS)

Patients can consult a community pharmacy, rather than their GP, for a defined list of common (minor) ailments. Patients will receive medical advice and free treatment for a range of common illnesses from their pharmacist instead of making an appointment to see their GP.

The Choose Pharmacy service provides free NHS advice and treatment, in confidential pharmacy consultation rooms, for acne, athlete's foot, back pain, chicken pox, cold sores, colic, conjunctivitis, constipation, dermatitis, diarrhoea, dry eyes, eye infections, hay fever, head lice, indigestion, ingrowing toenails, mouth ulcers, nappy rash, oral thrush, piles, scabies, sore throat, teething, threadworms, vaginal thrush and verucca.

Discharge Medicines Review (DMR)

When a patient is discharged from hospital they are normally given Discharge Medicines. A copy of the patient's Discharge Medicines can now be electronically sent to GPs and also to Community Pharmacists (the patient can choose which pharmacy is most convenient for them). Once out of hospital the patient can then visit their local pharmacy and review the medicines they have with their pharmacist, to check they are correct and the patient is taking them correctly.

Emergency Medicine Supply (EMS)

Through the EMS service the pharmacist can view a summary of the patient's GP record. It means the pharmacist has added information about the patient which can make the dispensing of Emergency Medicine Supply Safer. The pharmacist can view the patient's current medications, allergies and adverse reactions.

Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC)

The service allows patients to consult their pharmacy rather than their GP to receive the Emergency hormonal contraception. The service is convenient for patients as no appointment is required and can be confidential should the patient not wish to share their details.

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