

# Care at the Chemist

**Care at the Chemist** is a minor condition scheme, which means eligible patients can receive advice and treatment for a range of conditions direct from their pharmacist rather than going to their GP.

If you don't pay for prescriptions, then any medication provided under the scheme will be free of charge. Because your pharmacist is available on your local high street it's a quick and accessible service.

## How do I receive treatment?

The scheme is open to anyone who is registered with a GP in Halton, St Helens, Knowsley or Liverpool.

If you are suffering from a minor condition just call into your local pharmacy and ask about the scheme, and if you need more privacy you can request a private consultation, usually without an appointment.

*Remember you may be asked for identification.*



## Can I still see my GP?

Yes you can still see your GP in the normal way. Using the scheme does not prevent you from seeing your doctor, but using it for minor conditions can give the doctor more time to deal with patients with more serious illnesses.

## What treatments are provided?

Your local pharmacist is able to give advice on a range of conditions and if appropriate can supply a medicine from an agreed list to ensure you receive the most appropriate treatment for your condition. Please be aware not all medicines are suitable for all age groups but your pharmacist will be able to advise as appropriate.

*The following conditions can currently be treated by the NHS Care at the Chemist scheme:*

- Allergies
- Athletes foot
- Coughs, colds and sore throats
- Cold sores
- Constipation
- Cystitis
- Diarrhoea
- Headache
- Pain or temperature
- Haemorrhoids
- Head lice
- Indigestion
- Mouth ulcers
- Minor eye infections
- Minor skin reactions
- Nasal congestion
- Oral Thrush
- Threadworm
- Thrush (genital)
- Warts and verrucas

