

# Community Pharmacies: Your Local Health Hub

Trusted, accessible, and essential healthcare services just around the corner.

Doncaster has 69\* community pharmacies providing convenient, accessible healthcare for everyone. Many offer extended hours, including evenings and weekends. Led by qualified pharmacists and skilled teams, community pharmacies provide trusted advice, medication support, and everyday healthcare close to home.

Community pharmacies are uniquely positioned to support neighbourhood-level population health goals and the ambitions of the 10-Year Health Plan. They play a key role in improving health outcomes by reducing inequalities, supporting prevention and early diagnosis, managing long-term conditions, improving medicines safety, and helping to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions.

By delivering high-quality, accessible local services, pharmacies help people stay well and receive the right care at the right time.

**99%**  
of people living in areas  
of highest deprivation  
live within 20 minutes  
walk of a pharmacy

\*Data correct as of April 2026.

## Essential Services

Provided by all community pharmacies

- [Repeat dispensing \(eRD\)](#)
- [Discharge Medicines Service](#)
- [Disposal of unwanted medicines](#)
- [Healthy living pharmacies](#)
- Support for self care
- Other Essential services – dispensing appliances, signposting and promotion of healthy lifestyles.

## National Enhanced Services

Nationally specified service, locally commissioned to meet local population needs

- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) and Pertussis Vaccination Service](#) – some pharmacies are taking part in this programme.

## Advanced Services

Community pharmacies can choose to provide any of these services, as long as they meet service specific criteria

- [Pharmacy First](#)
- [Pharmacy Contraception Service](#)
- [Hypertension Case-Finding Service](#)
- [Seasonal Vaccination Service](#) (Covid-19 and Flu).
- [New Medicine Service](#)
- Other Advanced services include [Smoking Cessation Service](#) and [COVID-19 Lateral Flow Device Service](#)

## Local Services

These services are developed and commissioned locally and are designed to meet local health needs.

- [Inhaler Technique Pharmacy Review Service](#)
- [Minor Ailments Service](#)
- [Palliative Care Service in extended hours pharmacies](#)
- [Stop Smoking Services](#)
- [Supervised Consumption](#)
- [Needle Exchange](#)

## Possible Future Services

Community pharmacies are ideally placed to play a greater role in local care pathway re-design with services such as:

- [Support with vaccinations](#)
- [Medication reviews](#) – Conditions could include respiratory, diabetes, hypertension, polypharmacy in the elderly.
- [Independent prescriber \(IP\) clinics](#) – From 2026 all newly qualified pharmacists will also register as independent prescribers. This will provide increased opportunities to utilise prescribers further and to provide more clinics in community pharmacy e.g. hypertension, respiratory and diabetes clinics.
- [Health screening and blood tests](#) e.g. diabetes, HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, cholesterol testing, HbA1c testing
- [Sexual Health Services](#) e.g. STI Screening and Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)