

Community Pharmacy Manifesto: A Vision for Greater Manchester

Greater Manchester has a powerful network of pharmacies, helping patients maintain healthier lives, supporting delivery of the NHS 10-Year Plan, Core20PLUS5 and GM Live Well

Why Community Pharmacy?

Over 600 pharmacies, located within a 20-minute walk of all residents 	Safely dispense over 65 million prescription items every year to patients 	Assist 266,000 patients every year who can't access other parts of the NHS 	90% of patients comfortable consulting a pharmacist for minor illnesses 	All pharmacies are Healthy Living Pharmacies, promoting healthy living and wellbeing initiatives 	Deliver 34 locally commissioned services, meeting local healthcare needs and preventing illness 	Support Equity and Inclusion providing culturally sensitive care and reducing digital exclusion 
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Maximising our potential

When empowered and correctly resourced, we can play an even bigger role in the healthcare system:

Our impact	Our ambition
Provided 4.32 million unfunded consultations every year, saving 2.31 million GP appointments in Greater Manchester	If appropriately commissioned, we could provide an additional 167,000 urgent care appointments every year
Delivered 210,000+ Pharmacy First consultations between Feb 2024 and Jan 2025 in GM – 50% from GP and urgent care referrals	Expanding the service to include walk-in minor illness means we could support a further 2.37 million patients annually
Carried out 379,000 Blood Pressure checks since 2021 – 50,000+ took place in our top 10 most deprived areas	Provide screening for CVD risk factors to the 446,080 patients (63.3 % of the eligible GM population) who haven't had a recent CVD check
Delivered over 42 million COVID-19 vaccinations to patients across England since 2020	Deliver a broader range of immunisations , increase uptake and address current shortfall in childhood vaccination coverage
Prescribers have supported 30,000+ patients nationally, with respiratory conditions and minor illnesses	Support 100,000+ with a respiratory condition living in GM and not receiving an adequate level of care

To learn more about our ambitions and the support we need to realise these, read our Manifesto

Data sources are available on request

