



Do you know...?

What services are offered by pharmacies across Southwark?

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Pharmacies are there to **offer information about medicines** to people with common illnesses and to pick up or renew prescriptions from their GPs. Their **advice is free** (you might have to pay retail prices for any medicines that you buy).

What are the benefits of using a pharmacy and not going to a GP?

Pharmacists are **highly trained** and can offer you a **range of advice** about treatments and medicines for common illnesses. You **don't need to book an appointment or see a doctor**, so it is a convenient option for people. Many pharmacies are open late.

What is the Pharmacy First Scheme (PFS)?

The **Pharmacy First Scheme (PFS)** is for people who are **registered with a GP** in Southwark **AND** who are entitled to **free prescriptions***.

*(*Find out about eligibility for free prescriptions at the end of this document)*

If you are eligible for the PFS, then rather than having to go to the GP to get a free prescription for a minor or common illness, you can instead go directly to a Southwark Pharmacy to get the free prescription.

To see the full list of illnesses that the PFS can provide medicines and treatments for, see [here](#):



Who is entitled to a free prescription?

- 60+ / under 16 / 16-18 & in full-time education
- pregnant/ gave birth in the 12 months and have a valid maternity exemption certificate (MatEx)
- have a specified medical condition and have a valid medical exemption certificate (MedEx)
- have a continuing physical disability that prevents you from going out without help from another person and have a valid MedEx
- hold a valid war pension exemption certificate and the prescription is for your accepted disability
- NHS inpatient
- named on or entitled to (or your partner): an NHS tax credit exemption certificate or valid HC2 certificate Income Support

**Still not sure about how a pharmacy can help you?
Contact Healthwatch Southwark, using the contact details
below!**

Your voice counts

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