

Press Release



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NPA WELCOMES THE AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE NEW PHARMACY CONTRACT

The National Pharmaceutical Association welcomes the introduction of a new pharmacy contract. The NPA does, of course, recognise fully that the new contract is subject to ratification through a ballot of contractors. The NPA believes that the new contract is fundamental to taking forward the profession and to giving community pharmacists a core NHS clinical role fit for the future.

Commenting on the press statement from the DoH, NPA Chairman, Ash Soni, said: "As the Minister has stated, for too long pharmacists have been an 'untapped resource within the NHS'. The new contract provides a platform from which to enhance pharmacy services and to integrate community pharmacy into the health service. This will broaden patient choice and care, and improve access to local healthcare resources. The new contract will deliver an expanded pharmacy service, aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of local communities. This has to be a 'win-win' for the pharmacy profession, patients, local communities and the wider NHS family."

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Notes to Editors:

1. The National Pharmaceutical Association (NPA) is the trade association that represents the professional and commercial interests of the owners of around 11,000 community pharmacies in the United Kingdom.
2. For more information, please contact the NPA Press Office, on: 01727-858687, ext 3340, 3227, 3265, 3311.

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