

MEDIA INVITE

"MODERNISING COMMUNITY PHARMACY: DELIVERING THE VISION"
An NHS Confederation One-Day Conference and Exhibition, 15 September, London

Pharmacy is an important but under-utilised area of healthcare delivery. Six million people visit over ten thousand community pharmacies in England and Wales each day. 665 million prescriptions are dispensed every year by a variety of high street, supermarket and independent pharmacies. However, little has been done in recent years to develop the relationship between pharmaceutical services and the wider NHS.

The Government is planning to address this situation by introducing a new contract for community pharmacy, designed to integrate and modernise the way patients and the public receive pharmacy services. Modernising Community Pharmacy: Delivering the Vision is a one-day conference and exhibition designed to help the NHS manage the challenges it will face in integrating pharmaceutical services into local delivery plans. The Conference will be addressed by Health Minister Rosie Winterton, NHS Confederation chief executive Dr Gill Morgan, and Chris Town, chief executive of Peterborough Primary Care Partnership and NHS Confederation chair of the pharmacy contract negotiations.

The Conference will enable delegates to:

- " learn more about the implementation of the new contract
- " help shape services to local needs
- " hear direct from those directly involved in the contract negotiations

Key speakers include:

- Rosie Winterton MP, Minister of State for Health
- Chris Town, Chief Executive of Peterborough Primary Care Partnership and NHS Confederation Chair of Negotiations
- Dr Gill Morgan, Chief Executive, NHS Confederation
- Alastair Buxton, Head of NHS Services, Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee
- Jeanette Howe, Head of Pharmacy and Prescriptions, Department of Health

There will also be a an opportunity to attend two of four interactive workshops: Putting Together the Primary Care Jigsaw; Mapping Services to Needs; Chronic Disease Management; IM&T in pharmacy.

Venue: Royal Garden Hotel, 2-24 Kensington High Street, London W8 4PT

Time: 9:00am - 4:15pm

Date: Wednesday 15th September

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