

Self Care - Community Pharmacy



Whilst shopping in the supermarket, Jane sees a poster advertising flu jabs are available at the pharmacy counter.



Jane asks the pharmacist for a free flu jab but because she has not been treated at this pharmacy before, the pharmacist explains he needs to check her eligibility.



The pharmacist asks Jane if he can view her Summary Care Record (SCR). Jane agrees and the pharmacist sees a full list of her medications.



The SCR shows that Jane is being treated for a long-term chest problem. This means that Jane is eligible for a free flu jab and the pharmacist provides this immediately.



The pharmacist informs the GP surgery that Jane has had her flu jab so they can update her record.

- The treatment provided to patients is more informed
- Patients are treated sooner as pharmacists no longer have to contact the GP practice for information
- Patients are less likely to need to be referred to another NHS service