

Discharge Medicines Service - Patient Information Leaflet

What is the service?

The Discharge Medicines Service supports patients when they are discharged from hospital. During a stay in hospital there can often be changes to patients' medicines. The patient's regular community pharmacist can help them with any new medicines changes or any other issue they may have relating to their medicines.

Who can use this service?

Patients who would benefit from extra support with their medicines after they are discharged from hospital can be referred to the service.

How does the service work?

When you leave hospital a letter containing information on your medical condition, test results and medicines is sent to your GP practice. In this service this information will also be sent to your community pharmacist via a secure e-mail.



Your community pharmacist will review the information in the letter, and will compare the medicines recommended by the hospital to those that you were taking before you were admitted to hospital.



The GP will review the letter and make any required changes to your prescription.

If necessary the GP and the community pharmacist can discuss any issues relating to your new prescription.



Depending on what issues may be identified your pharmacist will have a consultation with you or with your carer to check how you are getting on with your medicines. They will be able to give you any help and support you need. If there are medicines you no longer need, your pharmacist will offer to dispose of them for you.