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By email:
For the attention of all Community Pharmacies currently providing the Pharmacy First Pilot Service for the Treatment of Shingles

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Dear Colleagues

PHARMACY FIRST PILOT SERVICE FOR THE TREATMENT OF SHINGLES EXTENSION UNTIL 31st AUGUST 2025

I am pleased to update you that funding is now available for a further extension to the **Pharmacy First Pilot Service for the treatment of shingles**. The service which launched on 6th January 2025, **will now continue to operate until 31st August 2025**.

Promotion of the service

Pharmacies may wish to take this opportunity to remind local GP practices that they provide this service and to encourage them to refer suitable patients to the pharmacy. Pharmacies may also wish to promote the service on social media using the Twitter and Instagram resources available on the [BSO Website](#). Service posters have been provided and should be displayed in the pharmacy.

All other resources to support this service, including the service specification, consultation forms and patient group directions (PGDs) can also be accessed on the [BSO Website](#).

If you have any queries in relation to this Pharmacy First Service, please contact your Pharmacy Adviser.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Quinn'.

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