

**From Emma Quinn**  
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**By email:**  
**For the attention of all Community**  
**Pharmacies currently providing the**  
**Pharmacy First Sore Throat Service**

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Dear Colleagues

**PHARMACY FIRST SORE THROAT SERVICE WINTER 24/25:**  
**FURTHER EXTENSION UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2025**

I am pleased to announce that funding is now available to extend the Pharmacy First Sore Throat Service until the end of August 2025. The service which launched on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 will now continue until **31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**.

**Promotion of the service**

Pharmacies may wish to let local GP practices know of the continued availability of the service and 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 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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