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By email:

For the attention of all Community Pharmacies currently providing the Pharmacy First Sore Throat Service Strategic Planning and Performance Group

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Dear Colleagues

PHARMACY FIRST SORE THROAT SERVICE: FURTHER EXTENSION UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2026

I am pleased to announce that the Pharmacy First Sore Throat Service which launched on 1st December 2024 will now continue until **31st March 2026.**

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 <u>BSO Website</u>. 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 <u>BSO Website</u>

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

Yours sincerely,

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