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By email to:
GP Practices
(FAO General Practitioners, General Practice
Pharmacists, Practice Nurses)
OOH medical services

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Dear Colleague

PHARMACY FIRST SORE THROAT SERVICE

You will be aware that contracted community pharmacy colleagues across NI have been providing the Pharmacy First Sore Throat service to suitable patients aged 5 years and above. We are pleased to update you that the service will continue to be available to patients on an ongoing basis.

Service documentation

For further information, resources including service specification, a GP flow chart and GP practice training slides are available on the [BSO website](#).

Action for GP practices and OOH medical services

GP practices and OOH medical services are encouraged to:

- Use the GP training slides to provide training to practice staff, paying particular attention to the inclusion criteria and how to manage receipt of consultation records.
- Refer suitable patients to a community pharmacy providing the service for advice and treatment for sore throat.
- Promote the availability of the service using SPPG social media materials [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

If you have any queries in relation to the Pharmacy First Service please contact your Pharmacy Adviser, contact details [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Turner".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret O'Brien".

Dr Margaret O'Brien
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