

**From Emma Quinn
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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 DECEMBER 2026**

Service Extension

I am pleased to announce that the Pharmacy First Pilot Service for the treatment of shingles, which launched on 6th January 2025, will now continue until **31st December 2026**.

Review of the pilot service

You will be aware from [previous correspondence](#) that the Medicines Optimisation and Innovation Centre (MOIC) is currently undertaking a review of the pilot service.

The review process is almost complete and the final report is expected shortly. The evaluation will provide valuable insight into the delivery of the service through community pharmacy and its role in supporting access to care for patients presenting with shingles. The outcomes of the review will provide a useful evidence base to inform any future expansion or roll-out.

Promotion of the service

Pharmacies may wish to take this opportunity to remind 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.

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

Yours sincerely,



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