

Hospital Discharge Medicines Service 2022

Patient Information Leaflet

The Hospital Discharge Medicines Service sends information about your discharge medication directly to your community pharmacy.

Before discharge, a member of the hospital pharmacy team will ask your permission to share your medicines information with your nominated community pharmacy, via a secure electronic information system called PharmOutcomes®

After you have left hospital, this means your community pharmacy will

- have an up to date record of your medicines following your hospital stay
- note any changes to your regular medicines
- note any new medicines started in hospital
- note any medicines that the hospital team may have stopped
- be made aware of any medicines you may be running low on

Your community pharmacy can then

- continue to supply you with all your regular medicines
- support you with any new medicines you have been prescribed
- ensure that any old prescriptions are cancelled
- discuss any side-effects or problems taking your medication, and
- help with safe disposal of old or unwanted medicines

What happens after you are discharged?

Your community pharmacy will check your new updated prescription and clarify any details with your GP or hospital colleagues if necessary.

Will my information still be sent to the GP practice?

Yes

Ordering your medicines after discharge

You should order your medicines in the usual way.

Please ensure you order further supplies of your medicines a week or so in advance of you running out.

What happens next with the Discharge Medicines Service?

When your community pharmacy receives your next prescription, the pharmacist will offer to have a confidential discussion with you to ensure that you understand the changes made whilst in hospital including any new medicines you have been prescribed.

This discussion will usually take place in the pharmacy but can be done over the telephone or via video and a carer can be present if you wish.