

# Ready to leave hospital?

## Get expert advice from your community pharmacist

Your  
community  
pharmacist can help  
you take your  
medicines safely  
and avoid any  
problems



The free discharge medicines service can help with  
any new prescriptions and your recovery.

## How can the service help?

The hospital pharmacy team will refer you to your chosen pharmacy, if they believe you would benefit from their expert support after discharge from the hospital. Your community pharmacist looks at all the medicines that you take.

### **You can talk to them about:**

- any new medicines prescribed in hospital
- any changes made to your medicines during your hospital stay
- all of your medicines and how best to take them.

The community pharmacist explains what each medicine does and advises on common side effects and how to take them safely and avoid any problems. Your community pharmacist supports you and your carer to feel confident about managing your medicines at home and works closely with your GP.

## How do I sign up for the service?

After getting your consent, the hospital pharmacy team will send a copy of your discharge summary to your chosen pharmacy. This is a report your doctor prepares at the end of your stay with information about the medicines that you take. When you are at home, the community pharmacist will contact you. They can arrange a consultation for you and your carer, to make sure you understand what medicines you should now be taking.

## Useful information

If you need any support please contact the hospital PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) team on:

- **0800 026 6082**
- **[contactus@swlondon.nhs.uk](mailto:contactus@swlondon.nhs.uk)**