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**Welcome to your NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation**

You have been given a consultation to see a pharmacist today at your local pharmacy.

If you have been referred from NHS111 or your doctor’s surgery, the pharmacist already has your details and will be expecting you. So please tell the counter staff when you arrive.

**What is an NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation?**

* It’s a consultation with a fully qualified pharmacist at a local pharmacy.
* It involves a clinical assessment and conversation with the pharmacist. This will be in the privacy of a consultation room.

**How can the pharmacist help?**

* The pharmacist has the right clinical training to assess you and recommend the best treatment for some common conditions.
* If your symptoms suggest it’s more serious, the pharmacist will help you to get an urgent GP appointment if needed.
* If you don’t need any treatment the pharmacist will be able to provide reassurance. For instance, a minor illness may get better on its own.
* To help with symptoms, the pharmacist may offer to sell you an over-the-counter medicine.

**What happens next?**

* The pharmacist will make a record of the outcome and send it to your GP.

**What training does the pharmacist have?**

* Every pharmacist is trained for five years in the use of medicines, managing minor illnesses and providing health and wellbeing advice, so they are the right person to see.

**If you have any questions, please speak to the local pharmacy team. Or contact** bnssg.medicines-optimisation@nhs.net

**For further information:** Go to [www.nhs.uk/pharmacyadvice](http://www.nhs.uk/pharmacyadvice) orfocus your phone camera on this QR Code and then click the link for more information

