

Patient Information on the Minor Ailment Scheme provided from your Pharmacy

The Minor Ailment Scheme provided from your pharmacy will stop from 31 March 2020.

This is a change that will be seen in pharmacies across the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Barnet, Camden, City & Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Westminster, Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth.

This means that you are unlikely to be given a prescription from your GP, nurse or pharmacist for medicines that are available over the counter at a pharmacy for a range of minor illnesses.

This policy also includes the supply of these medicines through the Minor Ailment Scheme, following a discussion with your pharmacist about a minor illness, where a supply of medicine has been provided as part of the service.

The team of health professionals at your local pharmacy will continue to offer help and clinical advice, including on treatment, to manage minor health concerns and if your symptoms suggest it is more serious, they will ensure you get the care you need.

Further information on how the 'prescribing of over the counter medicines is changing' can be accessed via this link www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/1a-over-the-counter-leaflet-print-ready.pdf or ask your pharmacist to print out a copy for you.

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