

Viewing a Summary Care Record in community pharmacy

As of April 2016, 846 community pharmacies are live with SCR.

Having access to SCRs in community pharmacies enables pharmacists to view a patient's medical history and other medications they are taking without having to contact the patient's GP, enabling them to treat patients more efficiently and effectively.

Richard Daniszewski, Independent Principal Support Pharmacist from West Yorkshire, describes how viewing a patient's SCR enabled him to prescribe emergency medication, which he would have otherwise been unable to do:

"A patient who doesn't normally use the pharmacy, came in one weekend. The doctors' surgery was closed and they had run out of their blood pressure tablets. They weren't sure what strength their tablets were as they had lost their repeat slip. I was able to ask the patient if I could view their SCR and then I could double check what strength they were prescribed. I could then issue an emergency supply of tablets to the patient. By using the SCR I was able to be sure that they had the correct drug and correct strength for them."



Ash Soni, President at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society said:

"Access to the SCR is essential for the development of effective Clinical services in Community Pharmacy and makes a real difference to the quality of care we can provide."



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Accessed my first SCR a short while ago enabling an emergency supply + saving a referral to 111. Patient happy #pharmacy365 #loveyourpharmacy

For guidance and training on how to implement SCR in community pharmacy, visit the [SCR website](#), where you will also find guidance for locums and registration authorities.

You can also contact your local, regional or organisation's SCR lead.

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