

# Media Release

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### **LOCAL MP Julian Sturdy (Outer York) VISITS LOCAL PHARMACY AS THE NATIONAL PHARMACY FLU VACCINATION SERVICE GETS UNDERWAY**

This year community pharmacy teams across England are offering NHS flu jabs as part of the national pharmacy flu vaccination service. In North Yorkshire, Community pharmacies have started to offer the service with an enthusiastic response from patients.

Local MP Julian Sturdy (Outer York) visited Day Lewis Pharmacy, Dunnington, YO19 5PN, at 10.30am on Friday 21st September 2018 to see first-hand how we are providing the flu vaccination service which aims to make it easier than ever to get a flu jab and increase the number of at risk people across the country being protected from ill health over the winter months.



Pharmacist Natasha Mirza and Julian Sturdy MP

**Julian Sturdy MP** said, “Flu jabs are incredibly important in helping us all get through the winter months in good shape, particularly for those who are eligible for a free jab. I am glad to see the Community Pharmacy flu vaccination service and our local surgeries in York working together to make it easier for more people to have the jab at a time that is convenient for them. It is important to watch out for the health of our families all year round, not just as winter approaches, and to utilise the services that are available to us. Easy access to quality local healthcare is essential, and I will continue to pay close attention to this on behalf of my constituents”

**Day Lewis Area Manager James Fallon** comments: The NHS community pharmacy flu vaccination service, which is available in Dunnington, again this year, is a great opportunity for more ‘at risk’ people to have their vaccination, protecting them during the winter. The NHS is acknowledging the essential role that community pharmacies play in delivering flu vaccinations and we look forward to helping the NHS protect more people this year.”

#### **About the pharmacy flu vaccination service:**

All adults aged 65 years and over, and those aged 18 years or over and in clinical risk groups, can receive a free of charge NHS flu jab at community pharmacies across the country, often without the need for an appointment. People in at-risk groups include pregnant women and those with certain medical conditions including asthma and diabetes (see the full list at <http://tinyurl.com/WhoGetsFlu>). Pharmacists will be using the same vaccination as those offered by GPs and they notify the person’s GP practice when they have vaccinated them.

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