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LOCAL MP Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton) 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 Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton) visited Boots Pharmacy, Market Place, Easingwold, YO61 3AD, at 9am on Friday 14th 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.



Left to right: Karen, Weh Chean, Kevin Hollinrake MP and Beth

Kevin Hollinrake MP said, "This is an excellent service and very accessible, with no appointments required. As winter draws near, many people will suffer with ill health. Older people aged 65 and over, and adults with certain medical conditions, can take advantage of the NHS flu vaccination service now being offered in Community Pharmacies. The scheme will help protect people from health complications through the winter months by making sure they have their flu jab. I urge all my constituents who are eligible for a free flu jab to do so as soon as they can."

Boots Area Manager Francesca Crook comments: "The new NHS community pharmacy flu vaccination service, which is now available in Boots Pharmacy, Market Place, Easingwold, is a great opportunity for more at risk people to have their jab and to help the NHS to meet its vaccination targets. Community pharmacies are the most accessible healthcare locations; we offer convenient access to medicines and a range of services without the need for an appointment."

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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