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LOCAL MP RISHI SUNAK (RICHMOND - Yorkshire) VISITS LOCAL BOOTS 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 Rishi Sunak (Richmond) visited Boots Pharmacy, 10 High Street, Stokesley, TS9 5DQ, at 12pm on Friday 12th October 2018 to see first-hand how we are providing the flu vaccination service.

This service 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.



Rishi Sunak MP and Pharmacist Nicky Singh

Rishi Sunak MP said: “This is an excellent, accessible community pharmacy NHS service and, like previous years, I would urge all my constituents who are eligible for a free flu jab to ensure they have one. As winter draws nearer, many people will suffer with ill health, especially older people aged 65 and over and adults with certain medical conditions, and they can benefit from the NHS flu vaccination service. The scheme will also help protect people from health complications through the winter months.”

Jenny Graham, Boots Area Manager, comments: “We’ve been supporting the health of the local community in Stokesley for many years and, as a community pharmacy, we are very pleased to be offering the NHS flu vaccination service again this year. It’s a great opportunity for those more ‘at risk’ groups to have their vaccination and protect themselves during the winter months. This is also a great example of how community pharmacy can support the NHS to deliver important services in the local community.”

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. 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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