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LOCAL MP ROBERT GOODWILL (SCARBOROUGH AND WHITBY) 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 Robert Goodwill (Scarborough and Whitby) visited, **Boots Pharmacy, 3/4 York Place, Scarborough, YO11 2NP** at 11.30am on Friday 19th October 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.



Photo left to right Tamzin Burn Boots Area Manager, Robert Goodwill MP and Jenny Lockley Pharmacist

Robert Goodwill MP said, “This is an excellent Community Pharmacy NHS service which is so accessible, with no appointments required. Like previous year’s, I would urge all my constituents who are eligible for a free flu jab to ensure they have one. Year on year the numbers grow of those taking this convenient way to have their flue jab. 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 help protect people from health complications through the winter months.

Many people who do not qualify for a free flu jab choose to pay for one to head off the chance of falling ill at important times for work or family. I also get a flu jab because I spend so much time working away from home.”

Tamzin Burn, Boots Area Manager comments: “We are very pleased to be offering the NHS community pharmacy flu vaccination service, which is available in Scarborough this year again. Every year more and more people havetheir vaccination in Community Pharmacies, and this is another 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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