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Pharmacies Express Concern at National Pandemic Delivery Service Ending

The Pandemic Delivery Service, whereby community pharmacies have been paid by NHS England to deliver prescription medications to shielded patient groups, is due to end this Friday 31st July 2020.

Community Pharmacy North Yorkshire are concerned that the relatively short notice to end the service has not been communicated well to the general public, who may perceive the end of free deliveries as a pharmacy decision and not because the NHS is no longer funding the delivery service.

CPNY fully understand the move towards a new normal, but we would like the Government to actively campaign to inform the public.

Charles Fox owner of a number of Pharmacies in North Yorkshire said; "We fully understand the government position but we hope they run a campaign to inform the public that it is them and not the Pharmacies who are stopping the Pandemic Delivery Service."

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Editor Notes

About the Pandemic Delivery Service

During the national lockdown for coronavirus, HM Government funded all community pharmacies to provide a medicines delivery service.

These medicines deliveries were for those patients who needed it most, i.e. those who were shielding and had no-one to collect medicines for them.

The service allowed shielding patients to have their prescribed medicines delivered directly to their home, at no cost to them.

About Community Pharmacy North Yorkshire

Community Pharmacy North Yorkshire represents all 152 NHS Community Pharmacies in the North Yorkshire and York area and deals with all pharmacy matters arising from any health and social care organisation.

Community Pharmacy North Yorkshire are recognised by the North Yorkshire and Humber NHS England Area Team and are consulted on local matters affecting Pharmacies.

