



Whistlestop Guide to the Dispensing GP Financial Crisis

Did you know?

Complex regulations are forcing pharmacies and dispensing GPs to dispense medications to patients at a financial loss to their businesses.

WHAT does that mean for patients?

Around the country, pharmacies and GP practices which dispense medicines (dispensing GPs) are closing or reducing services due to unsustainable financial pressures. This creates a problem for the supply of medicines and advice on medicines, which have already been cited in the deaths of two people.¹

WHY is this happening?

The government assumes pharmacies and dispensing GPs purchase medications at a profit. However, in an increasing number of situations, the NHS pays back dispensing GPs less than it has cost them to buy the medicines.

WHO can change this?

Government and NHS England have control of the system for reimbursing dispensing GPs and pharmacies for the medicines they buy.

HOW can Government and NHS England help dispensing GPs?

They can review the system of reimbursement to ensure a sustainable level of income for this service in dispensing GPs.

WHAT does the Dispensing Doctors' Association ask of Government?

**That NO dispensing GP or pharmacy
is expected to dispense medications at a loss.**

¹ [MPs launch medicines shortages inquiry | Dispensing Doctors' Association](#)

NEXT STEPS Please contact the Dispensing Doctors' Association (DDA) to find out how you can help your constituency dispensing GPs.

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The DDA is the only organisation to exclusively champion and support best practice by NHS dispensing GPs.