

How much does it cost?

- If you do not pay for your prescriptions this treatment is free.
- If you do pay for your prescriptions this treatment will be the same as a prescription charge, or the price of the medication (whichever is cheaper).
- You will be required to sign a form and show evidence of your exemption (if appropriate) like you do on a doctor's prescription.

Am I eligible for the scheme?

Yes - if you are registered with one of the GPs in the borough of Rochdale.

Yes - if the patient is able to attend the pharmacy in person. For children under 16 years of age the parent / guardian will also need to attend for a full assessment to be carried out.

Yes - if you have one of the conditions listed.

No - if you are pregnant or breast feeding.

No - babies under 3 months old are exempt.

Do you have one of these conditions?

- Allergies / bites & stings
- Athletes foot
- Cold sores
- Conjunctivitis
- Constipation
- Cough / cold / sneezing
- Diarrhoea
- Hay fever
- Head lice
- Headache / temperature / fever
- Indigestion / heartburn
- Mouth ulcers
- Nappy rash
- Nasal congestion
- Sore throat
- Teething
- Threadworms
- Vaginal thrush

You don't need to wait to see your doctor as you can get advice and treatment from your community pharmacy.

Care at the Chemist

Minor Ailments Scheme



This leaflet provides information on the minor ailments scheme. This includes how to register and the conditions that can be treated on the scheme.

What do I do?

1. If you have any of the conditions listed in this leaflet, visit your local community pharmacy who will register you into the scheme and will provide you with a passbook. The passbook allows 6 visits to any pharmacist that has signed up to the scheme within the Rochdale borough.
2. When the pharmacist has confirmed your eligibility you will be asked questions about your symptoms and your current medication.
3. Once the passbook has been completed, the pharmacist or your GP surgery can provide you with a replacement passbook if appropriate.

You may not always need medication

You may not always need medication. If this is the case the pharmacy staff will give you advice on how best to deal with your symptoms. If you are given medication it is only for you and not to be passed to anyone else.

Important

Your community pharmacy is providing treatment and/ or advice under the minor ailments scheme in line with your presenting symptoms. If your symptoms persist you should seek advice from your GP.

Can I go to any pharmacy?

Most pharmacies in Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale can provide this service. If they are not providing it, they will signpost you to one that is.

Consent

Please be aware that, when you register, you are consenting to your GP being notified of your inclusion in the scheme, and that the information you provide to your pharmacist will be shared with your GP. If you do not wish for your information to be shared with your GP, please inform the pharmacist during initial registration.

Advice

If you have any queries regarding this scheme please contact:

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)
Tel: **0800 121 4430** or email pals@hmr.nhs.uk

