



The #SaveOurPharmacies petition being handed in to No 10



Six reasons to vote in the NPA's ballot

Dear [member]

Please vote so we can build a strong case

In the next few days you'll get a ballot asking whether you are prepared to consider withdrawing some services in protest at a decade of underfunding.

Here are six reasons to vote.

- A strong turnout and a strong yes vote will send a **powerful message to government**
- This is an **advisory vote**. Voting yes does not tie you into taking action
- If the ballot recommends withdrawing some services **you can decide whether your pharmacy(ies) take action, for how long or not at all**
- Actions in the ballot are there to **help you reduce costs** and secure the sustainability of your business
- We have taken legal advice so you won't breach your contract or pharmacy regulations
- Large multiples have taken many of these actions already

Our second day of action really hit the headlines last week – leaving government in no doubt about the crisis facing pharmacies. **Please vote so we can build a strong case** when we work with government and sector negotiators about better funding and reform to transform the fortunes of pharmacies.

We have had such a warm reception from politicians at Labour conference and have a great dialogue with government in Westminster, Cardiff Bay and Stormont. And of course, if a good deal for pharmacies emerges we will pause any action to facilitate discussions. We will give full guidance about how to take action safely and responsibly as the ballot result emerges – **we'll be with you every step of the way**.

We want to keep up the pressure so the public understands your vital role and government meets with us to map out a better future.

This is an advisory ballot to maintain the momentum for change. **Whatever the result and whatever your vote, you will stay in control**, and decide what action to take, or not at all, in the best interests of your pharmacy, your team, your patients and your community.

Please vote to send a powerful message to government.

Thank you.

Nick Kaye

Chair, National Pharmacy Association
and third generation pharmacist

Paul Rees MBE

Chief Executive, National Pharmacy Association



Nick and Paul promoting
the message on TV

NPA representing community pharmacy at the Labour Party conference



Meeting Cat Eccles MP



Meeting Vicky Foxcroft MP



Meeting Afzal Khan MP



Meeting Taiwo Owatemi MP (pharmacist and government whip)



Meeting Sadik Al-Hassan MP (pharmacist and newly elected MP)



Paul Rees and the Pharmacy Minister Stephen Kinnock