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## **Direction of Prescriptions by Doctors**

Protecting patients' choice of pharmacy is an important NHS principle. We are very concerned about any scheme under which patients will inevitably feel under pressure by GPs to use the pharmacy service in which they have a stake. In our view this is incompatible with health policy. We have raised these concerns with the Department of Health and discussions are ongoing.

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### **Notes for editors:**

1. The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) is the body that represents community pharmacy on NHS matters and seeks to secure the best possible NHS services provided by pharmacy contractors in England and Wales.

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