

## **Do you really need to see a GP? Can the Pharmacist help?**

### **Minor ailment scheme**

Some pharmacies also run a minor ailment scheme for common health problems like aches and pains, skin conditions and stomach upsets.

If your pharmacy runs a minor ailment scheme, the pharmacist will be able to assess your needs, give you advice, suggest medicines if appropriate, and refer you to a GP if necessary.

When pharmacies provide medicines as part of a minor ailment scheme, you get the medicines on the NHS.

If you normally pay a prescription charge, this charge will apply here. If you're exempt from prescription charges – if you're under 16 or over 60, for example, or if you have a prescription prepayment certificate (PPC) – you won't pay for the medicine.