

## A Day in the Life of a Community Pharmacist

The daily life of a community pharmacist is hugely varied, drawing on a wide range of clinical and non-clinical competencies and skills. Every pharmacy is required to be operated under the control of a 'Responsible Pharmacist'. Daily tasks undertaken by community pharmacists include:

- clinical scrutiny of prescriptions
- oversight of safe dispensing processes
- providing patients with advice about medicines and treatments
- provision of public health information to patients and customers and promotion of wellness
- signposting people to other healthcare services, support organisations or information resources
- assessment and treatment for minor ailments
- professional oversight of the sales of over the counter (OTC) medicines
- liaison with other healthcare professionals
- medicines review services for specific patient groups e.g. asthma, diabetes
- medicines management support
- smoking cessation services