

## MEDICINES SAFETY WEEK NOVEMBER 7-13

### **MedSafetyWeek 2022 will be running from 7th to 13th November this year.**

For one week each year, those who regulate the use of medicines and healthcare professionals worldwide encourage the reporting of side effects.

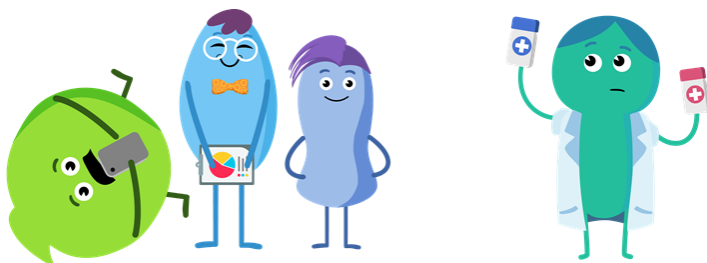
This year, the focus is on the importance of reporting suspected side effects through the [Yellow Card scheme](#) or [Coronavirus Yellow Card reporting site](#):

- Suspected side effects associated with COVID-19 vaccines and medicines.
- Suspected incidents with medical devices and test kits
- Suspected fake or defective medicine(s) or medical devices including E-cigarettes.
- Side effects to herbal or homeopathic medicines.

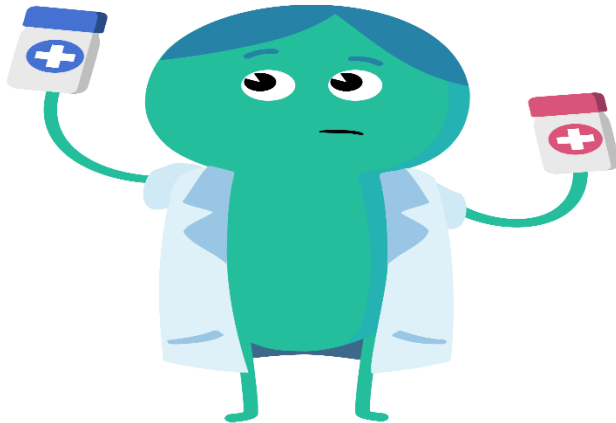
### **What can you do to get the best out of your medicines?**

- ✓ Remember to take the right medicine, at the right time, in the right way, and at the right dose and carefully follow instructions for use of medical devices.
- ✓ Always read the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) that comes with a medicine or vaccine.
- ✓ Let your Doctor or Community Pharmacist know if you experience problems with a medicines or healthcare product.

### **[#MedSafetyWeek 2021: Recently vaccinated and feeling unwell? - YouTube](#)**



## **ASK 'now at your local pharmacy' – ASK YOUR COMMUNITY PHARMACIST!**



**Pharmacies are part of the NHS family and nowadays your local pharmacy offers many new NHS services close to home free-of-charge.**

You have always been able to get prescription medicines, urgent care for common illnesses, lifestyle support and medicines advice to help you manage your long-term medicinal conditions.

The new services will soon include blood pressure checks for people aged over 40 years of age.

People aged over 50 years and other eligible groups (check this with your local community pharmacy) can also get your Flu and Covid jabs!

**You can always rely on friendly staff, medicines expertise, and FREE walk-in face-to-face support at your community pharmacy.**

So, remember to Ask Your Pharmacist for:

- ✓ Advice and treatment for minor illnesses such as coughs, colds and earache
- ✓ Advice on staying well and preventing disease
- ✓ Support to maintain good sexual health
- ✓ Help to quit smoking
- ✓ Personalised support to get the most from your medicines

**For NHS services, convenient access to medicines, support for healthy living and prompt clinical advice, Ask Your Pharmacist!**

More information here - [Ask Your Pharmacist Week 2022 - NPA » NPA](#)