

Sustaining services, ensuring fairness: A consultation on migrant access and their financial contribution to NHS provision in England
Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) submission

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society would be opposed to any system that added to the bureaucratic burden of pharmacy without improving patient safety. The suggestion that migrants should be expected to pay prescription charges for all NHS drugs or appliances regardless of whether or not they meet the eligibility requirements for the prescription fee exemptions would potentially impose an additional burden on pharmacists and their teams as they would be required to collect different levies depending on the migrant status of the patients.

If, as suggested in the document, the eligibility status of a migrant or visitor were to be noted on their care record then all those health and care professionals involved in the person's care would need to be able to access this care record.



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The RPS leads and supports the development of the pharmacy profession to deliver excellence of care and service to patients and the public. This includes the advancement of science, practice, education and knowledge in pharmacy and the provision of professional standards and guidance to promote and deliver excellence. In addition, it promotes the profession's policies and views to a range of external stakeholders in a number of different forums.

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Leadership, representation and advocacy: Ensuring the expertise of the pharmacist is heard by governments, the media and the public.

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