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General		<p>The Royal Pharmaceutical Society welcomes evidence-based public health guidance on managing overweight and obesity in adults- lifestyle weight management services and agrees with the recommendations made.</p> <p>Pharmacists have a significant role in public health, raising awareness of the health risks associated with being overweight, providing advice on healthy lifestyles and also supplying medicines and nutritional products to help patients manage their weight.</p> <p>The RPS are currently developing professional standards for public health to help lead, support and develop pharmacists and pharmacy teams across Great Britain to enable delivery of high quality public health services.</p>

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Recommendation 5	9	It could be useful to include pharmacists in the examples of sources of long-term support-- pharmacies are accessible, open long hours and present in communities across the country (including areas of deprivation). The accessible and inviting environment of pharmacies in the community, allow people to seek advice and have conversations about weight management at a time that is convenient for them, without having to make an appointment.
Recommendation 9	14	Pharmacists could also be added to GPs and practice nurses as sources of ongoing support (see explanation above).

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