

I congratulate the members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society on the occasion of its 180th anniversary.

Since 1841 the Society has led and supported the development of the pharmacy profession through the advancement of science, education and practice to ensure the safe and effective use of medicines.

Today the Society continues to play a central role by providing information, professional standards, guidance, events and advocacy for its members. Huge progress has been made and pharmacists now work alongside other healthcare professionals, advising them on the use of medicines to ensure the highest standards of patient care as well as prescribing and dispensing medicines to patients.

As you mark this significant anniversary, I thank all those who serve the Society and also its members for their dedication to their patients and for their vital contribution to the health of the nation during the coronavirus pandemic.

I wish you every success in the future.

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