



## **Explanation of Services shown on the Devon Pharmacy Rotas**

**Minor Ailment and Winter Ailment Schemes:** All pharmacies can provide advice and sell over-the-counter medicines to treat minor ailments. Pharmacies marked 'Minor Ailments' are able to provide treatment without prescription for the following common problems: water infection, impetigo, bacterial eye infection, nappy rash and oral thrush (a charge of £8.20 applies for patients who normally pay for prescriptions; free for exempt patients).

Pharmacies marked “Winter ailments” can also provide a limited number of over-the-counter medicines to treat the following common problems free of charge for patients who are exempt from prescription charges: Coughs, colds, minor aches and pains, nasal congestion and diarrhoea.

**Emergency supply of medicines:** Pharmacies marked “Emergency supply” may, under certain circumstances, dispense a limited supply of certain prescription-only medicines without a prescription if the patient can provide evidence that they have been prescribed that medicine before (for example, by showing a repeat prescription slip or box of used medicine). Patients who are exempt from prescription charges will not have to pay for this service, patients who pay for their prescriptions will need to pay the standard NHS prescription charge for each item.

**Specialist Medicines:** This enhanced service is intended to ensure the supply of specialist medicines for which the demand may be unpredictable; for example in palliative care, treatment of thrombosis and prophylaxis, tuberculosis, where intravenous antibiotics have been prescribed in the community, and the treatment of bacterial meningitis.

