

Explanation of Services shown on the Pharmacy Rotas (North Somerset)

Emergency supply of medicines when GP practices are closed: All pharmacies can dispense a limited supply of a prescription-only medicine 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). Normally this is a Private service, so the patient will have to pay for the medicine. Pharmacies marked 'NHS' provide this urgent service free of charge to patients who do not pay for their prescriptions.

Specialist Medicines Service: Pharmacies providing this service will hold in stock particular medicines which may be needed (on prescription) urgently to treat patients who are very unwell or dying at home.