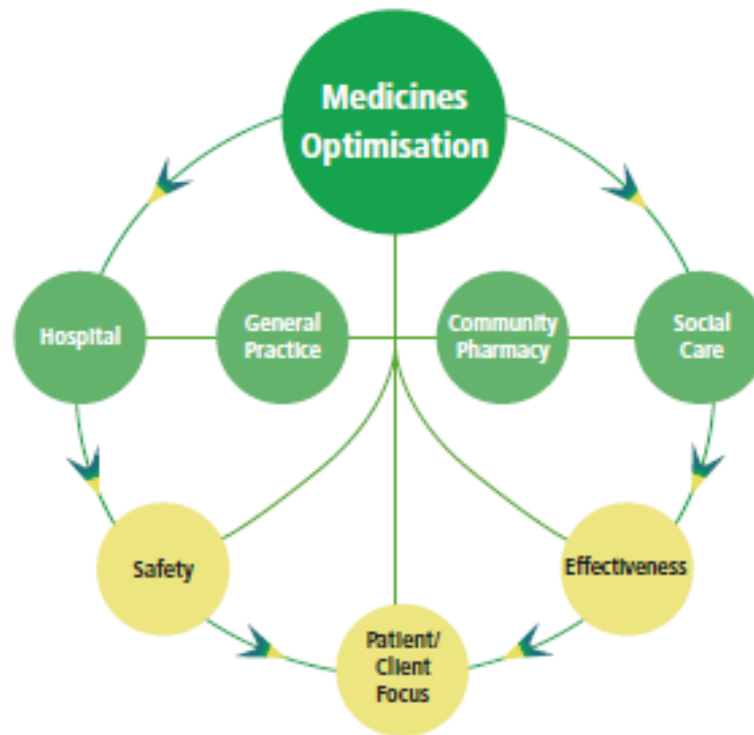


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# The primary goal

- Maintain access to medicines and pharmaceutical care
- Protect patients and pharmacy staff

# The response

1. Supporting reconfigured services
2. Securing critical medicines
3. Delivering redesigned patient pathways

# Hospital Pharmacy

## Supporting reconfigured services

- Acute Care
- Intermediate Care
- Primary Care including Care Homes

## Securing Critical medicines

- Critical Care Medicines
- Oxygen
- Ready to use IVs

# Hospital Pharmacy

## Delivering redesigned patient pathways

- Systemic Anticancer Therapy (SACT)
- Palliative Care
- Specialist Medicines
- Outpatient antimicrobial therapy (OPAT)

# General Practice Pharmacy

## Supporting reconfigured services

- Prescription Management
- Care Homes

## Securing Critical Care Medicines

- Enhanced communication

## Delivering redesigned patient pathways

- Virtual consultations
- Care Homes

# Community Pharmacy

## Supporting reconfigured services

- Premises
- Prescription collection / management
- Business Continuity
- Care homes



# Community pharmacy

## Securing critical medicines

- Emergency supply Service
- Serious Shortage Protocol
- Palliative Care
- Oxygen (to include BOC contract)

# Community Pharmacy

## Delivering redesigned patient pathways

- Virtual consultations
- Medicines Adherence Service
- Oral Substitution Therapy
- Flu Vaccination

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