

# What is the minor ailment scheme?

The minor ailment scheme is designed to enable people with minor health conditions to access medicines and advice they would otherwise visit their doctor for.

It allows patients to see a qualified health professional at a convenient and accessible location within their community, and means patients do not need to wait for a GP appointment or queue up for a valuable A&E slot with a non-urgent condition.

Childhood ailments that may be treated under the scheme include:

- [colds](#)
- [coughs](#)
- [diarrhoea](#)
- [earache](#)
- [hay fever](#)
- [head lice](#)
- [nappy rash](#)
- [sore throat](#)
- [teething](#)