**Participant Information Sheet**

*(Children 11 – 15 years)*

PHarmacy partnership using decision-making tools and near patient testing for Antimicrobial Stewardship for EveryDay practice IN primary care (PHASED IN)

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| **what blue.png** | **What is the study about?*** One in three people contact their GP surgery each year with minor infections, such as sore throat, cough, cold, ear, urinary and skin infections. More infections are now being managed by trained pharmacists at local pharmacies.
* We have developed ‘decision-making tools’ that pharmacists can use to make sure patients get the right treatment.
* In this study some GP surgeries will send patients with minor infections to see their pharmacist and others continue to see their patients as usual at the GP surgery.
* **Your GP surgery is in the group who offer a ‘fast-track’ appointment with your local pharmacist.**
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| **pharmacy blue.png** | **Will I receive the same care from my pharmacist as from my GP?*** Yes – you will receive the same care and have an appointment sooner.
* Pharmacists are highly trained experts in health and medicine. They follow the same medical guidelines as GPs, so you will have the same assessment, advice and treatment.
* If you need medication, your pharmacist can provide you with it straight away.
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| Doctor female outline | **What happens next?*** You will be offered a consultation in a private room at the pharmacy.
* The pharmacist will ask you about your symptoms and examine you. They will use decision aids and further tests if necessary (such as a finger-prick blood test, swab test, or urine test) to help manage your infection and make sure you get the right treatment.
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| Questions outline | **Do I have to take part?** No, it is entirely up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide not to take part, you will be offered usual care by your GP surgery.  |
| Signpost with solid fill | **Where do I get more information?**Please speak to your parent or carer about the study and ask any questions.You will also be able to speak the pharmacist about taking part. |