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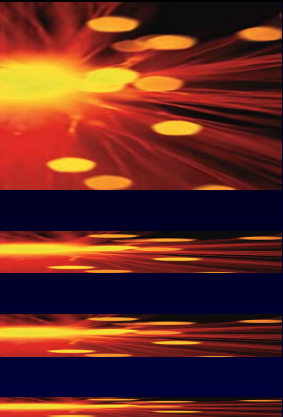
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# Pharmacy in England

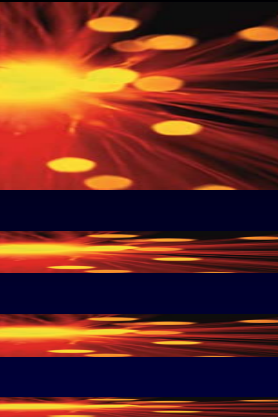
*Building on Strengths –  
delivering the future*

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# *Pharmacy in England*

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- Published April 08
  - Sets out a vision for building on the strengths of pharmacy
  - Responds to All-Party Pharmacy Group's report
  - Should be seen in context of July 08 publications : Darzi's Next Stage Review Final Report, Vision for Primary and Community care, NHS Constitution consultation

# Major Themes

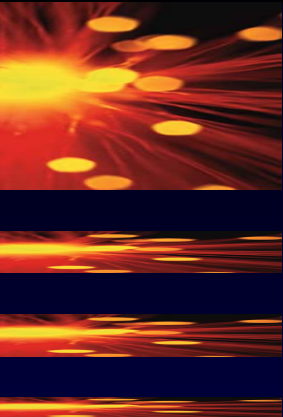
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- Current role of pharmacy in ***all sectors***
  - Commissioning of services
  - Better use of medicines
  - Healthy lifestyle and self-care
  - Raise awareness of pharmacy services



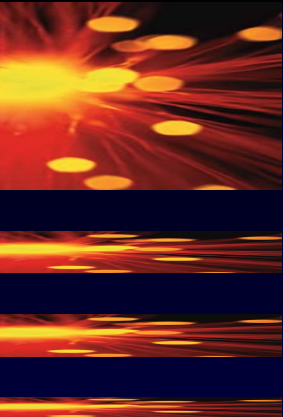
## Major Themes (2)

- Show how pharmacy can deliver cost-effective, high quality, services
- GPhC
- Professional standards and clinical leadership
- Government Action Plan with over 50 actions

# Roles of Pharmacy Workforce

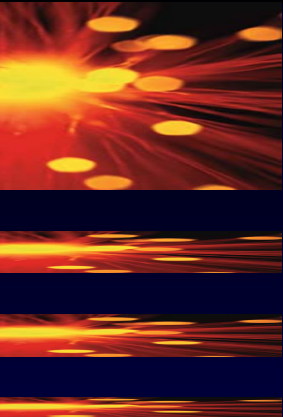
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- Govt believes we are 'untapped resource'
  - Greater clinical role
  - Greater Public Health role
  - (less £££ for dispensing)

# Cost-effective, quality services

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- Proposals to develop a sound evidence base for pharmacy services
  - Research
  - Chief Pharmacist to convene an expert panel to advise on research priorities
  - Need for new ways of working: technology, skill mix, building on experience in hospital, electronic prescriptions.....



# Better use of Medicines

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- Targeted MURs
  - Measuring health outcomes achieved
  - More repeat dispensing
  - Better access to OTC meds in rural areas
  - More support for those with LTCs
  - Less waste



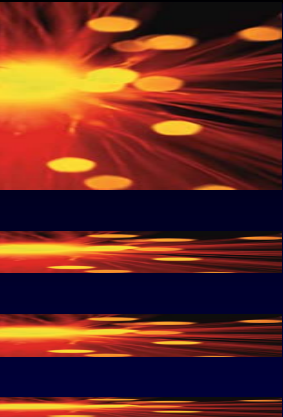
# Healthy lifestyle and self care

- Pharmacies as 'Healthy Living Centres'
- Support for self care
- 'Minor ailments' and LTCs
- Routine monitoring
- Vascular risk assessment
- 2 new clinical leaders appointed to champion NHS service development in hospitals and community

# Regulation and leadership

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- As we become more clinical, regulation needs to be similar to that for other clinicians (**old GMC not a model!**)
  - General Pharmaceutical Council, January 2010
  - Lay Chair, lay majority or parity on Council

# Regulation and leadership (2)

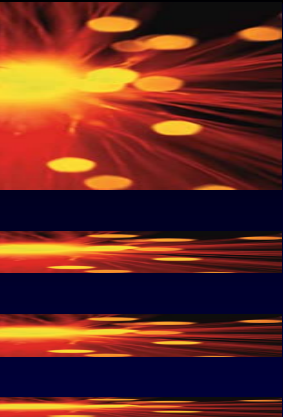
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- Pharmacy is asked to develop strong professional leadership
  - Support for prescribing pharmacists
    - .....Pharmacists with Special Interests
    - .....Consultant Pharmacists
  - Development of the rest of the pharmacy workforce
  - Necessary changes in education and training



# Government actions

- Raise awareness of what pharmacy can do through a communications programme
- Messages to patients, public, the NHS and others
- Commission research into the extent, pattern and use of pharmacy services
- Create a working group to promote closer working between pharmacists and GPs
- Changing GP dispensing and pharmacy supervision rules

# Summary

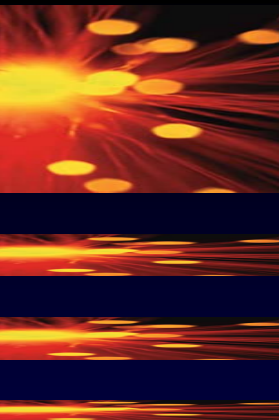
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- There is real government support for pharmacy
  - We must, with Govt support, work to develop services, practitioners and staff to deliver the new agenda
  - We need to get on with it.....



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# Thanks for listening



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