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The Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU) is the European association representing more than 400,000 community pharmacists.

PGEU's members are the national associations and professional bodies of pharmacists in 32 European countries, including EU Member States, EEA/EFTA members and EU applicant countries.

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The Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union today published its 2017 Annual Report. Throughout 2017 PGEU responded to several consultations from EU Institutions, continued collaboration with EU Scientific Agencies, organised a number of exciting events and developed and published several policy statements. In his farewell speech, the outgoing PGEU President, Mr Rajesh Patel MBE said: *"Healthcare on the high street where accessibility to expert advice, care and service is the mantra for our profession, our integration in to primary care is essential for any health system. I believe our vision for pharmacy must be to integrate and become a key player in primary care."*

The PGEU Report 2017 entitled *'Measuring health outcomes in community pharmacy'*, features results of an internal member survey on the extent and variety of community pharmacy services available across Europe.

Launching the report, PGEU Secretary General, Ms Jūratė Švarcaitė, said: *"Community pharmacists improve adherence for patients initiating new therapies or continuing existing regimens, and increasingly engage in delivery of preventive services such as immunisation and early screening. Professional services and programmes that go beyond medicines supply have been found effective in improving health outcomes for various diseases such as hypertension, asthma, diabetes, etc., as well as increasing the population's access to health services. It is exciting to see that number of pharmacy services and their extent is increasing year on year, and more importantly that those services are highly valued by the patients and communities we serve"*.