

## Shadow Health Secretary told about CPF benefits



(L-R): Tricia Kennerley (Alliance Boots), Parag Oza, CPF Project Manger (Boots), Andy Burnham, Vicki Woodall (Boots), Sharon Tarpey, Pharmacy Manager (Boots) and David Lees, Area Manager (Boots)

Shadow Health Secretary Andy Burnham MP is the latest high-profile visitor to hear about the benefits that CPF services are bringing to our customers. Mr Burnham's Leigh constituency is within the area covered by the Four or More Medicines Support Service. Dur-

ing his visit to Boots, Bryn, in early November, he said: "This is absolutely what community pharmacy should be doing."

We plan to invite the other seven MPs in the two areas to visit a pharmacy involved in the CPF project.

## Stage being set for launch of CPF results in 2014

Following the successful completion of data collection for our two CPF services (Four or More Medicines Support Service and COPD Support Service) at the end of June, preparations are now underway for the public launch of the results of our work.

The data you collected has undergone a health economic analysis by IMS Health, our health economic partner. The outputs from this have been shared with our academic partner, Professor David Wright of the School of Pharmacy, University of East Anglia.

Professor Wright is preparing several papers (covering the FOMM, COPD and COPD Case Finding services and the patient outcomes). These will be submitted for peer review and publication in leading academic journals. We expect these papers to be published early in 2014.

Having data that has been subject to a full peer review will add great credibility to our work and its benefits for patients. Once the papers are published, we will be hold-

ing an event to present the results to the most influential people in NHS England and pharmacy bodies, along with other stakeholders from the NHS, other healthcare professions and local government. Work to plan and organise this event has recently got underway.

One notable early result from the services is the high numbers of customers who were recruited, many of whom stayed with the service for the first six months of data collection.

For the Four or More service, we enrolled 620 patients, and for the COPD service it was 306 patients. In addition, 238 patients were assessed as part of the COPD case finding service.

This is a testament to your great work and demonstrates that our services are meeting a real customer need. The higher than expected retention rates will give greater strength to the full results of the evaluations once they are completed.