

ASDA Pharmacy video transcript

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Denise, ASDA Pharmacist

You might wonder what it's like to be a pharmacist here at ASDA. Well, behind me you can see Kofi - the Pharmacist - chatting with a customer as he gives him his prescription. The prescription's been prepared behind the scenes by the well trained dispensers, and the Pharmacist at his clinical check identified that the patient was suitable for an MUR. He remembers this patient because he helped him give up smoking recently, and I'm sure he's thinking he must remind him that we could pick up his prescription for him next time and have it ready for him at the pharmacy without him having to go to the surgery.

The great thing about working for ASDA is the amount of autonomy we have, and professional freedom to get involved with pretty much what we like, as long as it's ethical and it's health related. We're encouraged to get involved with local Primary Care Trusts and the LPCs, and we're given dedicated time to do that. We get involved in all sorts of services. Katherine here gets involved in a weight-management clinic, and the good thing I find is that if we have a good idea, pretty soon it's rolled out throughout the whole company.

Of course we still do all the regular tasks you'd expect a pharmacist to do. We make sure we meet our legal requirements, we work to ASDA SOPs, and we're involved in training the colleagues. But, of course, we're involved full-time in the health and well-being of our customers.

Katherine, ASDA Pharmacist

But being an ASDA pharmacist gives the opportunity to be creative. If we have an idea, as long as it's safe, legal and professional, we are encouraged to put it in to practice.