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### **New Chairman for Jhoots Pharmacy Group**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Jhoots Pharmacy Group announces the appointment of Akshay Parikh as its new Chairman with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

Manjit Jhooty, CEO of Jhoots Pharmacy Group, commented:

*"Akshay has been a Non-Executive Director with us since 2013 and has played a key role in helping to deliver our sustained business growth. He was also a key figure in helping to devise, plan, and implement the move to our new £3m Headquarters in Walsall.*

*I am sure that - following our Board's unanimous decision to appoint Akshay - the entire Jhoots team will work with him and myself to continue to focus on achieving our performance and efficiency targets which are vital in our determination to remain competitive in what are very challenging times for our sector.*

*As we welcome Akshay to his new role I would also like to thank our outgoing chairman, Dr James Kingsland, for his leadership and guidance over the last few years."*

The Jhoots Pharmacy Group has 61 branches and 420 employees spread across the country - including Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, and Telford in the West Midlands, Derby, Leicester, and Nottingham in the East Midlands, Bristol and Exeter in the South West, Redcar and Hull in the North East, Bury in the North West, Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft in the East of England, and London.

Commenting on his appointment Akshay Parikh said:

*"I am delighted to have accepted this role and am confident that my wide experience of delivering business transformation and growth gained through holding senior board and Non-Executive Director positions within leading Regional Housing Associations, a successful Ofsted 'Outstanding' College of Further Education and an Acute Hospital Trust Board will*

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*complement the existing skills of my fellow Non-Executive and Executive Directors.*

*Together we are well placed to respond to the many wide-ranging challenges facing the pharmacy sector.*

*Our focus for Jhoots Pharmacy Group will be to continue to 'Up our Game', achieve our performance targets, provide a quality service, and to develop our pharmacy services from a reactive to a proactive stance – all at a time of national and local funding cuts and increasing competition and rationalisation in our sector. I look forward to the challenge."*

Jhoots Pharmacy Group provides NHS prescription dispensing - and collects and delivers prescriptions from local GP surgeries direct to a client's door - in most cases offering same day delivery.

The Group also provides medicine usage reviews which entail going through all the repeat prescriptions clients receive in order to make sure the items are still appropriate and being used correctly. Monitored dosage systems can be dispensed for the elderly and vulnerable.

The Group employs a specialist pharmacist who deals directly with Retirement and Nursing Homes.

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### **Company Background Information: ([www.jhootspharmacy.co.uk](http://www.jhootspharmacy.co.uk))**

Jhoots Pharmacy Group offers a range of services in order to satisfy its clients' requirements.

These include fast, efficient **NHS prescription dispensing, medicine usage reviews** – going through all the repeat prescriptions a client receives to make sure the items are still appropriate and being used correctly.

**Monitored Dosage Systems** can be dispensed for the elderly and vulnerable. The Group employs a **specialist pharmacist** who deals directly with **Retirement and Nursing Homes**.

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In conjunction with the Commissioners from NHS England and local authority Public Health it is able to offer a **number of local services** such as dealing with minor ailments, emergency hormonal contraception, and smoking cessation.

The Group has a structured development programme which ensures its patients benefit from **continuity of care** delivered by a local, core, Pharmacy Team.