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To ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by [Lord Evans](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FLord_Evans&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KeB3fosaKxLuGpzOhXbPdPqGvQezaR%2BCLBTDzbBhvR8%3D&reserved=0) of Rainow on 20 March ([HL](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FHL&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rT7ecImOt1QRT3t8lpGias1KUuYPVhQiYHaXuHRJLqk%3D&reserved=0) Deb col 1529), what is the source of their data for saying **that six percent of**[**GP**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FGP&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jBHxPev8IMOO%2BHKvTavxoFSgR29TpVofQ3aMPhrGUUg%3D&reserved=0)**services could be provided by Pharmacies**; and what is the evidence base for those data?

[Lord Markham The Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health and Social Care](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theyworkforyou.com%2Fpeer%2F%3Fp%3D26093&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZFlT3PlhoqJ3PPmfji5G9VKUrdlvMX9plEwKuTZt93o%3D&reserved=0)

The source of the data that 6% of General Practitioner ([GP](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FGP&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jBHxPev8IMOO%2BHKvTavxoFSgR29TpVofQ3aMPhrGUUg%3D&reserved=0)) services could be provided by Pharmacies, as referenced by [Lord Evans](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FLord_Evans&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KeB3fosaKxLuGpzOhXbPdPqGvQezaR%2BCLBTDzbBhvR8%3D&reserved=0) of Rainow on 20 March, is the report [*Making Time*](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FMaking_Time&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YLrTfE1OnQFcMcXOVA4n119%2BALJSk0RVfXcgOa40uLw%3D&reserved=0)*in*[*General Practice*](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FGeneral_Practice&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hmXAdusjMHaFqGjSWRy2mvEc%2B4GcOE3X9i5FSoHDJOo%3D&reserved=0), published by the Primary Care Foundation and [NHS Alliance](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNHS_Alliance&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=no0dBb1JvkpcNifjK6%2BJluJibAeFONcD1wU3fZHWxng%3D&reserved=0) in October 2015.

This research found that 5.5% of GP appointments were potentially avoidable by being directed instead to self-care/Pharmacy.

These findings were referenced in the later report *General Practice Forward View*, published by [NHS England](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNHS_England&data=05%7C01%7C%7C2e2352cc823e4cf396ca08db3c06e1a2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638169772470903750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8ugl%2BRGEVcXTNcX%2BjRK7eJEDtuAaGJlljVPFknLhOKQ%3D&reserved=0) in April 2016. In this report the figure was rounded to 6%

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