

**BARNET, ENFIELD &  
HARINGEY  
LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL STATEMENT  
2022 / 2023**

**Review of the period**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Barnet, Enfield & Haringey Local Pharmaceutical Committee  
is a constituent member of the Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group

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## The Local Pharmaceutical Committee

Barnet, Enfield & Haringey LPC is an 18-member Committee comprising twelve representatives of independent contractors (4 from each borough area), 4 representatives of the Company Chemists Association 1 representative of employee pharmacists working for Independent and CCA contractors in the area, and one appointed LPS contractor. The Committee represents all 188 pharmacies (74 in Barnet; 59 in Enfield, and 55 in Haringey) including 2 distance selling pharmacies in Haringey and 2 distance selling pharmacies in Enfield and 1 distance selling pharmacy in Barnet in contract with NHS England as: -

Asda	2	Boots	17	Lloyds	6
Morrisons	2	Superdrug	2	Tesco	5
Well Pharmacy	3				
<b>Total CCA</b>	<b>(20%) 37</b>			<b>Non -CCA</b>	<b>151</b>

There are no chains representing more than 5% of non-CCA contractors across the LPC area. The LPC reviews its corporate governance procedures on a regular basis and all members are required to complete declarations of interest and to adhere to a code of conduct that includes a confidentiality agreement.

The Committee met on three occasions during the year two of which were virtually by Zoom. Many members are also represented on several other committees, some of which are constituted jointly with the LPC. A membership list for the year of the report can found below: -

### LPC membership 2022-2023

MEMBER	CATEGORY	PHARMACY REPRESENTED	Contact tel. no
Mrs Farah Ali [V.Chair-Barnet]	Independent	Warman Freed, 45 Golders Green Rd., NW11 8EL	020 8455 4351
Mr. Amar Abbas (until 31.03.2023)	CCA	Boots UK Ltd 1261-1275High Road, Whetstone N20 9HS	020 8446 3589
Mr. Gerald Alexander [Chairman]	Independent	Prima Pharmacy, Bells Hill, Barnet, EN5 2TB	07771642146
Mrs.Priti Chavda	Employee Rep	Michael Franklin Ltd, Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill N21 3RE	020 8360 1037
Mr. Amish Chikhliya [V.Chair-Haringey]	Independent	Napclan (UK) Ltd, High Rd, Tottenham N17 6SB	020 8808 3291
Ms .Philomena Clement	CCA	Superdrug Pharmacy, 21 Market Square Edmonton Green N9 0TZ	0208 803 1919
Mr. Riaz Esmail	LPS	Fairview Pharmacy, FMH Granville Rd, Finchley, N12 0JE	07956331392
Mr.Suresh Hirani	Independent	Hyperchem Ltd, Ordnance Road Enfield Lock EN3 6AE	01992 710749
Ms Louwin Nhamoinesu (until 31.03.2023)	CCA	Lloydspharmacy, Highlands Village Winchmore Hill N21 1UJ	020 8360 8560
Ms. Avni Patel	Independent	Oakleigh Pharmacy, Oakleigh Rd. North, Whetstone N20 0XT	020 8361 8681
Mr.Jay C.Patel (until 31.03.2023)	Independent	Lamis Pharmacy, Village Rd, Bush Hill Park EN1 2HB	020 8360 2212
Mr.Nimish Patel [V.Chair-Enfield]	Independent	Mansons Chemist Ltd, High Rd, SouthTottenham N15 6JR	020 8449 7558
Mr.Neil Sanghvi	Independent	Reena Pharmacy, 222 Regents Park Road, N3 3NP	020 8346 3532
Mr.Atul Shah (until 31.03.2023)	Independent	Aldermans Pharmacy 38-40 Aldermans Hill, London N13 4PN	020 8886 5511
Mr.Manoj Shah	Independent	Walker Chemist, Green Lanes, Palmers Green N13 5XG	020 8886 2561
Mr.Nishit Shah	CCA	Morrisons PLC, 21 Hillcrest, Hatfield AL10 8EZ	Via LPC office
Mr.David Winton	Independent	The Cadge Pharmacy, Philip Lane, Tottenham N15 4JR	020 8808 2740

### The pharmacy contract

In this annual report, we look back on a challenging period that community pharmacy has endured. The pandemic left community pharmacy struggling to cope on many levels including the aspects mentioned in last year's report of personal, professional, financial, mental and health perspectives. Additionally, the implementation of new services against the backdrop of reduced funding and severe medicine shortages, workforce difficulties have added to the burden for community pharmacy to cope with the everyday work of running a community pharmacy. Capacity is stretched and looking forward to a new NHS community pharmacy contract it will be up to CPE to negotiate a new and good contract, if not, community pharmacy's capacity is going to be tested to the limit.

The LPC's challenge is to support pharmacy teams to return to normal activity. Our work in 2023-24 and beyond is influenced by the demands placed on community pharmacy by NHSE.

Community pharmacy contractors have delivered for our patients and the NHS. Pharmacy teams have performed to the highest standards of patient care, in most difficult conditions. Community Pharmacy can be proud that we are the healthcare professionals with the very best access to our services. Contractors and all staff in the community pharmacy sector have provided outstanding patient care, making decisions in the best interests of the pharmacy team and patients by using good professional judgement and taking a pragmatic approach to pharmacy practice. This outstanding work, dedication, and courage of each one of our contractors has been exemplary. The LPC continues to work tirelessly on contractor's behalf. The LPC consulted and worked with our local commissioners, ICSs, and Local Authorities, to help reduce any related changes in service that might damage the pharmacy businesses. Throughout these challenging times the LPC continued to promote and support community pharmacy contractors locally to represent your interests, also providing you with the resources and support required to address the difficulties you have faced.

Our team has supported you through hundreds of your questions/queries weekly by phone and email. We have worked hard to support you with essential regulatory and practical areas of community pharmacy practice in the form of relevant resources, updates, patient safety, risk assessments, flu service, Pharmacy Quality Scheme, and Controlled Drugs. We are here to continue to support you during 2023 and beyond. A major issue affecting contractors in 2022-2023 continues to be workforce retention and recruitment of pharmacy staff. Likewise, recruitment and retention of pharmacists in the community pharmacy network has been exacerbated because many pharmacists have been recruited to join PCNs as pharmacist advisors and to GP practices. Pharmacies finding locum cover has added extra pressure to running community pharmacies. The LPC office has advised our contractors how to make application to reduce hours to NHSE&I when necessary. The LPC has provided help and communications to contractors to assist the submission of claims to the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS). The LPC has supported contractors with COVID-19 vaccination programme – community pharmacy involvement, COVID-19, contractual matters, flu vaccination support, PQS support, dealing with drug shortages. We continue to work with primary and secondary care colleagues to implement the GP Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (GPCPCS) and the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) from secondary care.

The Middlesex Group staff members have recorded all the PCNs within each LPC Borough area, including all the surgeries within each PCN. They continue to help pharmacies within a PCN area to help them consider to which an individual pharmacy needed to be aligned. From each group of aligned pharmacies to each individual PCN, the office has helped lead pharmacists to work as closely as possible with Clinical Directors of PCNs.

A mix of Local Enhanced Public Health and Pharmacy Services are provided across the BEH LPC area by pharmacy contractors; these are smoking cessation, with the exclusion of Enfield, Sexual Health Services, including emergency hormonal contraception, needle exchange, supervised consumption of opiates, and public holiday rotas. In Haringey, the Healthy Living Pharmacy (HLP) Programme, which includes Sexual Health Services covers the over 25 age group in addition to the below 25 age group. This service includes the testing and treatment of Chlamydia, testing for Gonorrhoea and the supply of condoms. This expanded service now offers in addition HIV testing and counselling to clients with a reactive test. A Hepatitis B and C testing service is available to intravenous drug users via a pilot scheme in some pharmacies across Haringey, with Hepatitis B vaccination as appropriate. The LPC is a constituent member of the Haringey HLP Steering Group, which meets occasionally to monitor the implementation of these enhanced public health services within Health Living Pharmacies. The group evaluates the services provided by Healthy Living Pharmacies. Stop Smoking Services are provided through the HLP scheme. The Haringey minor ailments scheme continued as part of a new Pharmacy First Scheme within North Central London ICS area with Camden and Islington taking part, but Barnet and Enfield are disappointingly still yet to join, as the ICS cannot decide if they have a budget for the scheme to continue NCL wide. This scheme is more restricted than its predecessor in that the service is targeted at the socially vulnerable. The LPC has lobbied the ICS requesting equality of access for all vulnerable patients across all five Boroughs.

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) for each of the Boroughs of Barnet Enfield and Haringey areas represent an accurate picture of pharmaceutical provision within these borough areas and how that provision meets the needs of people in these localities. The LPC relies on the PNA data to respond to new applications for Market Entry (formerly Control of Entry). The PNA describes pharmaceutical services within these boroughs as adequate. Applications and changes of pharmacies are described under the “Contract Applications and Changes” section of this report. The most recent PNAs were published in October 2022.

The LPC team were very much involved in helping the Local Authorities create the 2022 PNAs as the LPC occupied a place on the Steering Groups set up by each local authority to develop the PNAs. The PNAs help inform the Middlesex Group Executive Team to respond on behalf of the various committees to new applications for contract. Further information can be obtained by direct application to the LPC office. The LPC supports existing contractors by providing opinion to contract applications. The LPC’s Chief Executive responds on behalf of the LPC to contract applications to NHS England and to the *FHS Appeal Unit at NHS Litigation Authority*. This activity has always been a major function of the LPC and as such the office has endeavoured to assist contractors with information and advice in relation to new contract applications and applications for relocation. The Barnet, Enfield and Haringey LPC, through the Middlesex Group, endeavours to maintain and support community pharmacy contractors in delivering high quality services to their patients and the public. Pharmacy-based local services are often considered to be *necessary services or relevant services* within the context of the PNAs. It is stated in the 2022 PNAs that the distribution and access to pharmaceutical services provided as essential services within the NHS contractual framework by community pharmacies in the Boroughs of the LPC area, meet the needs of the resident population within these Boroughs. The likelihood of a similar statement in all three Borough PNAs is very strong. The Chief Executive regularly communicates with contractors advising them to check their supplementary hours in order that they may give 35 days’ notification of closure should a Bank Holiday or part of Christmas Holiday fall when there is little need to open. The LPC’s continuing strategy for our contractors has been to help improve local pharmacy and public health services by implementing, where possible, new innovative services through community pharmacies. The LPC is continuing to work hard to maintain existing services, but this is against the backdrop of the NHS and Local Authorities not extending commissioning some pharmacy services. The LPC will endeavour to seek and implement new services where possible, through community pharmacies. The most successful example has been that the Middlesex Group of LPCs has collaborated with colleagues in Pharmacy London and with Public Health in NHS England London Area Team to establish and now maintain a successful Flu Vaccination Service across all London Boroughs. This service is now a national advanced service, but elements of the vaccination service such as pneumonia vaccinations are still managed locally by the LPCs in the London Vaccination service. The office receives many enquiries about the service detail from contractors during the season. This service for those participating contractors provided circa some 617,506 flu vaccinations across London as part of the National Influenza Vaccination Programme within Community Pharmacy which provided 5,007,578 in the period until the vaccination season had ended at the end of March 2023. There were 2,346 PPV vaccinations in London in the same period. Considerable growth had been achieved in flu vaccinations numbers by community pharmacy. The work of the LPC over several years has led to the use of community pharmacy for Covid-19 Vaccination, which has assisted the national effort and the local primary care response to Covid vaccination. Across London pneumonia vaccinations and meningitis vaccinations were carried out in community pharmacies too. The Chief Executive and the team have put in the hard work and effort into maintaining a successful and increasing service. NHS pharmacy contract monitoring responsibility resides with the London Area Team of NHS England. The LPC has often helped contractors meet their contractual

obligations by providing advice as to how to complete the annual CPAF questionnaire sent out to all contractors by NHS England. The LPC has made appropriate representations to the Area Team. The LPC will continue to support and encourage our contractors. The LPC has continued to check realistic service fees and negotiate reasonable terms of service with local commissioners. Community pharmacy, however, will respond to future challenges in providing innovative and demonstrable services which meet the current NHS criteria. The LPC will continue to support and encourage our contractors. The NHS pharmacy contract monitoring responsibility resides with the London Area Team of NHS England.

## Contract applications and changes

In Barnet, a

consolidation of two pharmacies was applied for by Regal Healthcare t/a Carters Pharmacy of 321 Ballards Lane N12 8LT to NHSE&I in December 2021 to continue trading from this site but to close the pharmacy at Torrington Park Health Centre, Torrington Park, London N12 9SS. NHSE&I approved the application in March 2022 and the Pharmacy at Torrington Park Health Centre was closed in September 2022, consolidating both NHS contracts at Carters Pharmacy. Aucklands Pharmacy at 27 Ballards Lane, Finchley, London, N3 1XP changed hand to new owners Apothecary Bros Ltd in June 2022. Wellcare Ltd (H. Weald Ltd) became Wellcare Group Ltd and their three pharmacies at 14 Hampden Square, Southgate, N14 5JR, 79 Russell Lane, Whetstone, N20 0BA, 253 Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone N20 0TX all transferred ownership technically into the new group structure in February 2023. In March 2023 an application was received by NHSE&I for the Lloyds Pharmacy at 209 Woodhouse Road, Friern Barnet N12 9AY to transfer ownership to Woodhouse Healthcare Ltd., At the close of this review the transfer was still to take place. Applications for change of ownership were received by NHSE&I for Hendon Pharmacy at 52 Vivian Avenue, Hendon Central NW4 3H and for John Wilson Chemists at 17-19 Vivian Avenue, Hendon Central NW4 3UX in January 2023, to date we do not have detail as to whether the transfer of ownership has occurred. In Enfield, Caplet pharmacy applied to NHSE&I to apply to NHSE&I to move from U7, 52 Alexandra Rd EN3 7EH for a no significant change relocation in November 2021. This application was subsequently approved by NHSE&I in January 2022 and by April 2022 the relocation had taken place to 133 High Road London N11 1PP. De Globe Healthcare Ltd a DSP applied in November 2021 to NHSE&I for a no significant change relocation from Unit A29/31 Hastingswood Trading Estate, Harbet Road N18 3HT. The relocation took place to Unit A21 at the same address on 18th April 2022. Bees Pharmacy at 172 Fore Street Edmonton London N18 2JB transferred ownership to Wellcare Group in February 2023. Nuvara Medicare Ltd (Jade Pharmacy) applied to NHSE&I to change the ownership of The Lloyds pharmacy at 13 The Concourse, Edmonton Green, London N9 0TY in October 2022, the application was approved by NHSE&I but to date we have not heard officially from NHSE&I that the pharmacy ownership has transferred. Caplet Pharmacy Ltd have applied to NHSE&I in February 2023 to transfer the ownership of Lloyds Pharmacy at 4 Florey Square Highlands Village, Winchmore Hill London N21 1UJ, to date the LPC has not heard whether the transfer of ownership has taken place.

In Haringey there were no changes of ownership in the year under review.

## Barnet, Enfield & Haringey prescription statistics 2022-2023

1	Number of items	15,411,298	7	Percentage discount of basic price	6.80%
	England 2022-23	1,078,128,472		England 2022-23	6.63%
2	Number of prescriptions (fees)	15,549,149	8	Net cost including container payment* £ p	119,122,781.93
	England 2022-23	1,092,228,515		England 2022-23	8,453,164,914.64
3	Total of basic prices	£ p 127,215,944.58	9	Average net cost per prescription (8/2) £ p	7.66
	England 2022-23	9,024,214,410.10		England 2022-23	7.74
4	Average basic cost per prescription (3/2)	£ p 8.18	10	Fees	£ p 24,673,757.93
	England 2022-23	8.26		England 2022-23	1,707,057,037.79
5	Total discount	£ p 8,651,396.29	11	Average fee per prescription	£ p 1.59
	England 2022-23	598,419,186.18		England 2022-23	1.56
6	Average discount per prescription (5/2)	£ p 0.56	12	Payment for consumables**	£ p 192,806.29
	England 2022-23	0.55		England 2022-23	13,543,633.19

\*Including container payment and out of pocket expenses. \*\*Payment for consumables formerly container allowance

## Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group

Each of the Middlesex LPCs (Barnet, Enfield & Haringey; Brent & Harrow; Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow; Hillingdon) appoints members (normally the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and one other member) to the Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group. The Group acts as a co-ordinating umbrella organisation for the constituent LPCs and appoints its own Chairman (Hiten Patel, Chairman, Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LPC), Vice-Chairman (Shabbir Panju, Chairman, Brent and Harrow LPC) and Group Treasurer (Robert Curd, member, Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LPC). During the year the Group appointed a joint Treasurer to take over the position when Mr Robert Curd intended to stand down from LPC duties at the end of the current year. The LPCs share a Chief Executive & Secretary (Michael Levitan), Office manager and PA to the Chief Executive Emma Nairn, part time Finance Controller (Judi Waldman), part time Secretarial Assistant (Reena Shah) and part-time consultant pharmacists Gerald Alexander and Vasundra Tailor, part time Liaison and Engagement Clinical Development Pharmacist Subrina Ramdarshan who left the Group in August 2022. We are assisted by two part time pharmacist colleagues Mrs Marsha Alter and Mrs Shivali Lakhani whose duties include research for NIHR (National Institute of Health Research). All staff members work from the one secretariat office in Whetstone.

## Pharmacy London

The Middlesex Group of LPCs are founder members of Pharmacy London (PL) which is a forum of the Local Pharmaceutical Committees who represent London's community pharmacies. The Association was formed to give London LPCs the opportunity to exchange matters of interest together, on a regular basis, to take a strategic view of the development and implementation of pharmaceutical services across London. Pharmacy London discuss operational matters that promote good practice. Between them, Pharmacy London represents approximately 1460 pharmacies, except for a part of East London. As London accounts for nearly 15% of the population of England and its pharmacies dispense tens of millions of prescriptions, Pharmacy London sees itself as representing the most accessed healthcare professionals in the health economy. Services delivered from community pharmacy across the city have evolved over the past 20 years to become an essential part of the NHS and Public Health infrastructure, providing Londoners with quality healthcare provision where and when they need it. Each London LPC appoints two members to the Forum, usually the Secretary, Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman. Pharmacy London meets around six times a year in a variety of locations. Normally sponsorship helps meet the costs of Pharmacy London meetings. The elected Chairman for PL is Mr. Raj Matharu; he is the CEO of Bexley Bromley Greenwich LPC. PL's CEO and Secretary is Mr Amit Patel. The Treasurer is Michael Levitan, Chief Executive and Secretary to the Middlesex Group of LPCs.

## Financial matters

### Barnet, Enfield & Haringey LPC

#### Statement of Accounts

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

No of Contractors 188 (Barnet: 74) (Enfield: 59) (Haringey: 55)

Income	2022/2023	2021/2022	BANK RECONCILIATION	2022/2023	2021/2022
Statutory Levy	£238,223.95	£238,224.10	Opening balance (proportion of MPG account) @ 1st April 22	£ 67,985.35	n/a
Sponsorship	£ -	£ 205.95	Accruals c/f	£ 2,211.67	n/a
Management Fee	£ 5,565.13	£ 4,493.35	Received/credits	£252,160.91	n/a
Room Hire	£ -	£ -	Costs/debits	£217,583.79	n/a
Ad-Hoc Projects Income	£ 8,371.82	£ 9,329.56	Prior year payments b/f	£ 5,123.62	n/a
Bank Interest	£ -	£ -	Calculated closing balance @ March 31st 23	£ 99,650.52	n/a
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£252,160.91</b>	<b>£252,252.96</b>	Reserves % age	46%	
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Rent, Rates, Landlord Service Charge & Utilities	£ 18,483.18	£ 19,950.17			
Salaries & Pensions	£132,829.32	£143,143.94			
Insurance: Includes PI Cover, Professional Subscriptions and Registration Fees	£ 829.03	£ 1,404.33			
Ad-Hoc Projects Expense	£ 2,587.08	£ 2,416.58			
Computer Support: includes website & data protection	£ 3,436.29	£ 2,597.93			
PSNC	£ 44,980.00	£ 46,255.86			
PSNC Training	£ -	£ -			
Pharmacy London	£ -	£ -			
Meeting expenses LPC	£ -	£ -			
Meeting expenses Group	£ 955.33	£ 691.28			
Member's expenses LPC	£ 1,630.00	£ 3,108.75			
Member's expenses Group	£ 2,768.73	£ 343.26			
Office running costs	£ 9,084.83	£ 11,164.80			
Bank charges	£ -	£ -			
Corporation Tax	£ -	£ -			
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>£217,583.79</b>	<b>£231,076.90</b>			
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>	<b>£ 34,577.12</b>	<b>£ 21,176.06</b>			
average levy per contractor	£ 1,267.15	£ 1,320.70			
average expenses per contractor	£ 1,157.36	£ 1,209.83			
Percentage of total contractors:	33.3%				

#### NOTES:

The following expenses were distributed based on *individual LPC* charges:

Pharmacy London

PSNC

LPC meeting expenses

LPC member expenses

All other expenses below were distributed based on the LPC's percentage share of the Middx Group total number of contractors:

<sup>1</sup> Utilities includes Energy, Water & Council Tax

<sup>2</sup> Office Running Costs including:

Telephone & broadband

Accountancy, legal costs & financial services

Office equipment & maintenance

Stationery, printing, postage, newspapers & periodicals

Cleaning

Vehicle expenses

Subsistence & staff expenses

Education & training

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