

BRENT & HARROW

LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE



ANNUAL STATEMENT

2023 / 2024

FOR THE PERIOD

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

**Brent & Harrow Local Pharmaceutical Committee
is a constituent member of the Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group**

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The Local Pharmaceutical Committee

In line with other Local Pharmaceutical Committees across England, the MPG LPCs agreed to use for public facing and other communications the logo which appears on the front page of this annual statement. Brent & Harrow LPC is a 13-member Committee comprising 10 elected representatives of independent contractors (5 each from Brent and Harrow), 2 representatives of the Company Chemists Association, and 1 representative of employee pharmacists working for Brent or Harrow contractors. The Committee represents all 137 pharmacies (80 in Brent; 57 in Harrow) including 13 distance selling pharmacies, in contract with NHS England: -

Boots	6	Well Pharmacy	1
Asda	3	Superdrug	1
Morrisons	1	Tesco	3
Total CCA	15 (11%)	non-CCA	122

There are no chains representing more than 5% of non-CCA contractors across the LPC area. 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 five occasions last year in virtual meetings by MS Teams. 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 be found below.

LPC membership 2023-2024

Brent & Harrow Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) is the statutory body representing community pharmacy contractors across the London boroughs of Brent and Harrow. It is our role to represent, support, and promote the interests of community pharmacies at the local level.

A key responsibility of Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) is to provide expert guidance to pharmacy contractors regarding their obligations under the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF). LPCs assist pharmacies in navigating the complexities of NHS contracts, ensuring they understand requirements and adapt to changes, such as new service commissions or adjustments to reimbursement rates. This support is crucial, as the contractual landscape for community pharmacies can be subject to frequent updates and shifts in policy.

MEMBER	CATEGORY	PHARMACY REPRESENTED	Contact tel. no.
Ms. Shaheen Bhatti	CCA	Superdrug Ltd, 297-301 Station Rd, Harrow, HA1 2TA	020 8863 0722
Ms. Rishma Naidoo	CCA	Boots, D90 WF17, Thane Road, Beeston, Nottingham, NG90 1BS	07815 016425
Mr. Shabbir Panju [Chairman]	Independent	Dubison Ltd, 168 Church Road, Willesden NW10 9NH	020 8459 7360
Mr. Alakh Patel	Independent	Carters Chemist, 24 Bridge Street, HA5 3JF	020 8866 0053
Mr. Anish Patel	Independent	S&S Chemists, 23 Hillside, London NW11 8LY	020 8965 3562
Ms. Avni Patel	Independent	Wellcare Ltd, 157-159 Greenford Road Harrow HA1 3QN	0208 864 9311
Mr. Birju Patel [V.Chair - Harrow]	Independent	Stratwicks Ltd, 240 Northolt Rd., South Harrow HA2 8DU	020 8864 1183
Mr. Sunil Patel	Independent	Hyperchem, 34 Salisbury Rd. Queen's Park, NW6 6NL	020 7328 9158
Mr. Praful Radia	Independent	Rj's Pharmacy, 210 Ealing Road, Wembley, HA0 4QG	020 8902 4698
Mr. Sundip Sheth [V.Chair - Brent]	Independent	Carters Chemist, 524-526 High Road, Wembley HA9 7BS	020 8903 4222
Mrs. Lila Thakerar M.B.E.	Independent	Shaftesbury Pharmacy, 5/6 Shaftesbury Pde, HA2 0AJ	020 8864 9436
VACANCY (Harrow)	Independent		
VACANCY	Employee (Brent or Harrow)		

In April 2023, the LPC held its membership elections, during which Suraj Varia stepped down as Vice Chair of Harrow and left the Committee. As a result, Hema Patel was elected to succeed him as Vice Chair. However, in October 2023, Hema Patel also resigned, following disposal of her business, and Birju Patel was appointed as the new Vice Chair of Harrow. In February 2024, Stephanie Bancroft resigned from her role as Employee

Representative on the Committee. The LPC would like to record its thanks to them all for their contributions over many years to Committee affairs.

Member Name	Meeting Attendance
Mr. Shabbir Panju [Chairman]	5 of 5
Mr. Sundip Sheth [V.Chair - Brent]	2 of 5
Mr. Anish Patel	3 of 5
Mr. Praful Radia	4 of 5
Mr. Sunil Patel	4 of 5
Mr. Birju Patel [V.Chair - Harrow]	5 of 5
Ms. Avni Patel	4 of 5
Mr. Alakh Patel	4 of 5
Mrs. Lila Thakerar M.B.E.	4 of 5
VACANCY	
Ms. Shaheen Bhatti	5 of 5
Ms. Rishma Naidoo	4 of 4
Mrs. Stephanie Bancroft	4 of 4

In this annual report, we reflect on an extremely challenging period for community pharmacy, where a recent survey published by The Pharmaceutical Journal showed that two-thirds of pharmacies in England are currently operating at a loss. The survey, which reflects the harsh economic realities facing the sector, reveals that pharmacies are struggling with increasing overheads and insufficient funding from NHS contracts. As we reach the very end of the 5-year Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework the appearance of the landscape has changed significantly from some years ago. Some pharmacy closures, with Lloyds pharmacy removing themselves from our sector entirely and with some consolidations and mergers across the Middlesex Group of LPCs which we serve. The LPC Committee members and officers have resolved to be steadfast in their commitment to the communities we are serving.

With the rising costs of running a pharmacy, including staff wages, rent, and utilities, many pharmacies are finding it difficult to maintain profitability and sustain their services. Despite these adversities, contractors in Brent & Harrow have worked relentlessly to provide crucial services to their patients. The outstanding work, dedication, and courage of each one of our contractors has been exemplary.

As the voice of community pharmacy in Brent & Harrow, our role in supporting contractors and championing the sector has never been more vital. We remain steadfast in our efforts to advocate for fair funding and secure improved financial support for pharmacies, especially as government and NHS bodies continue to underfund community pharmacy services.

Over the last 12 months, we have made great strides in improving the quality of service delivered by community pharmacies, securing additional funding for essential services, and strengthening our relationships with key stakeholders. We have remained focused in ensuring that our pharmacies continue to serve their communities with excellence and innovation, despite intense difficulties. Looking ahead, we are committed to furthering the integration of community pharmacies into Primary Care Networks and Integrated Neighbourhood Teams while supporting our members as they navigate ongoing challenges.

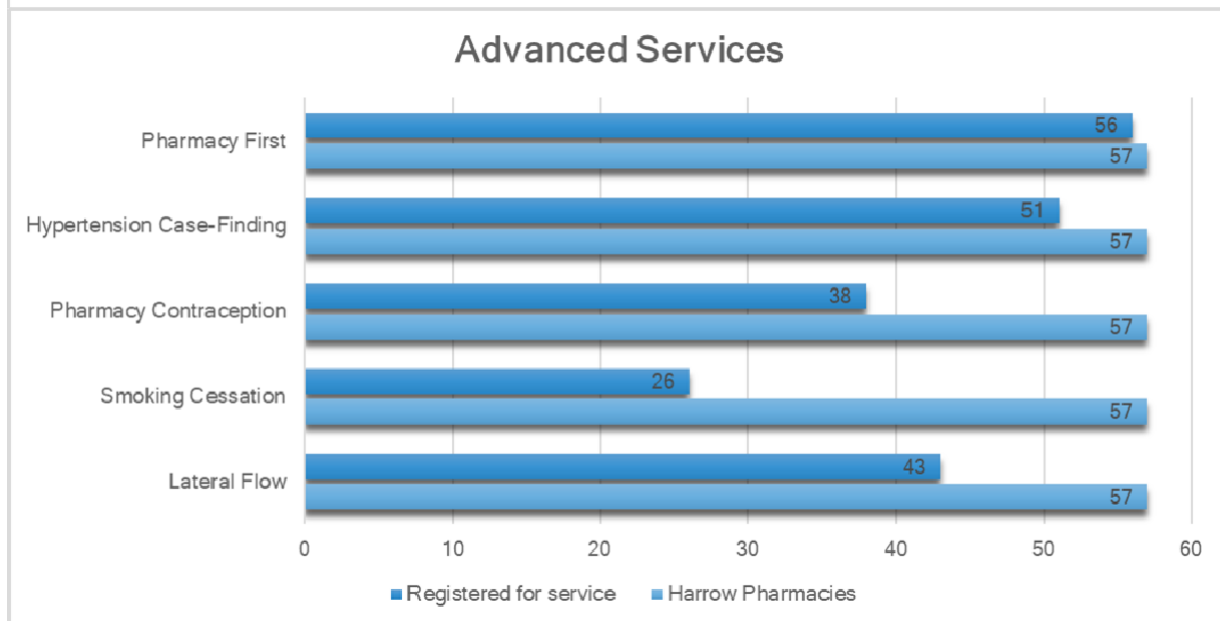
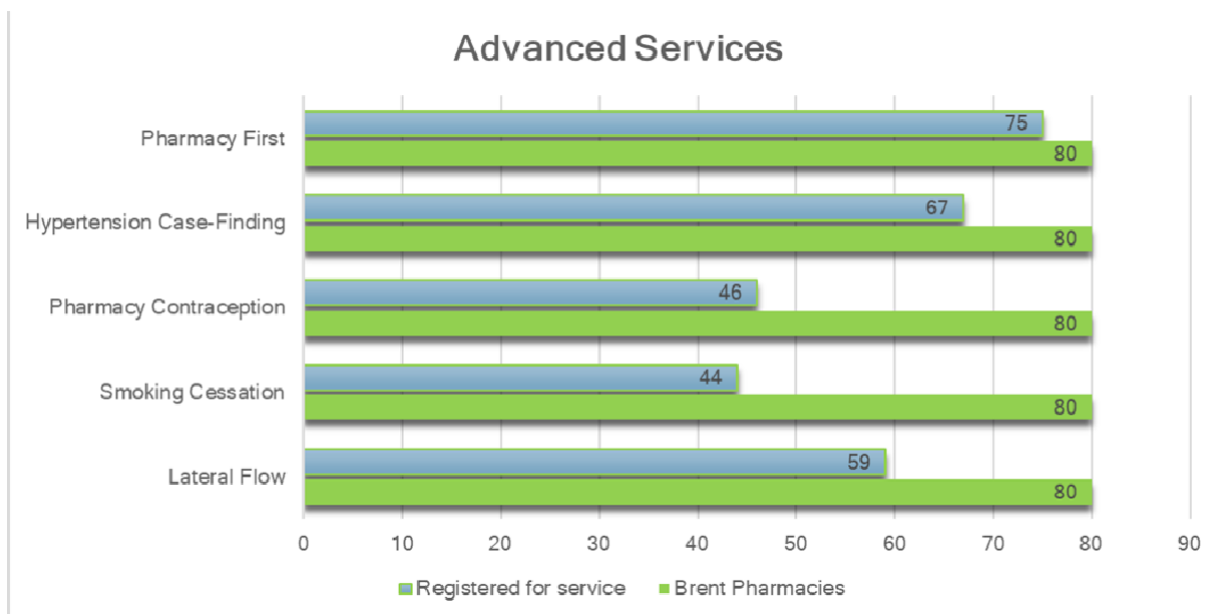
Our office team has supported you through hundreds of your questions/queries weekly by phone, email and WhatsApp. We have worked hard to support you with essential regulatory and practical areas of community pharmacy practice in the form of relevant resources and updates. We have developed regular newsletters incorporating important current and local matters as well as deadline reminders, to support your contractual commitments.

In response to the fast-tracked rollout of Pharmacy First by NHSE, the LPC office team worked tirelessly and efficiently, to procure appropriate training, including the use of an otoscope for otitis media, to support you in delivering this landmark service. Training for 430 community pharmacists was arranged, covering the seven new clinical pathways. Additional training was arranged for both tiers of the new pharmacy contraception service. The LPC notified Local LMCs through our colleagues at London Wide LMCs about the launch of

Pharmacy First. Support for GP practices continues in the current year, focusing on practices with low or no recorded GP referrals to community pharmacies.

The LPC office has advised our contractors on numerous issues such as pharmacy opening hours reduction process, submission of Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS), answering Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) related queries, Controlled Drug destruction, medical waste management, drug shortages, technical issues such as NHS Mail, third party platforms, smartcard and many other contractual matters. The LPC has supported contractors with service delivery related queries such as for COVID-19 vaccination programme, lateral flow device service, flu vaccination support, hypertension case finding, contraception service and now the recently launched Pharmacy First. We continue to work with secondary care colleagues to implement the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) and the smoking cessation service (transfer of care). Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments are very important documents and will continue to be supported by the LPC. A new PNA is being written in the coming year and requests for information should be supported by contractors.

The below graphs detail the Advanced Services as at 31.03.2024.



Our team has dedicated significant effort to developing an online stock tracking system for all pharmacies involved in the In Hours Palliative Care scheme. Additionally, we have designed clear, informative laminated posters for display within the dispensaries, providing essential support to the teams working there.

The tables below outline all the Locally Commissioned Services available in Brent and Harrow.

Brent Locally Commissioned Services
Supervised Consumption
Needle Exchange
Emergency Hormonal Contraception
In hours Palliative Care
Out of hours Palliative Care

Harrow Locally Commissioned Services
Supervised Consumption
Needle Exchange
In hours Palliative Care
Out of hours Palliative Care

The London Flu and PPV Vaccinations services are commissioned by NHS England.

SSPs are a potential way to help pharmacies to manage any serious shortages of medicines that may occur, without needing to refer patients back to prescribers. It is important to note that although legislation permits the issuing of SSPs from 1st July 2019, an SSP will only be considered and issued if there is a serious shortage of a specific medicine.

If, in the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care's opinion, there is, or may be, a serious shortage of a medicine or appliance then he or she may consult, for instance with medical experts, and decide to issue an SSP. The SSP will specify an alternative product or quantity that may be supplied (an alternative strength or formulation, or generic or therapeutic alternative or less of the product) by community pharmacies. Community pharmacy contractors must consider the SSP and, if, in the supervising pharmacist's opinion – exercising his or her professional skill and judgment – the alternative product or quantity is reasonable and appropriate for the patient, they may supply the alternative product or quantity (only as specified in the SSP and subject to any conditions in the SSP), provided that the patient consents/agrees to the alternative SSP supply.

Contract applications and changes

The table below summarizes the contract applications and changes in Brent and Harrow for the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

ICB/BOROUGH Application type	Name of purchaser (trading title of previous owner)	Address	Date of notification	Comments deadline	NHS England decision	Final outcome (Start date)
BRENT						
TRANSFER	A.Y.S.Healthcare Ltd (Grossman)	6 Oxgate Court Pde, Coles Green Rd, Cricklewood NW2 7ET	09.08.22		Approved	01.04.23
NSCR RELOCATION	Hyperchem Ltd T/A Kilburn Park Pharmacy	Kilburn Park Station NW6 5AD TO Unit 2, Block C, Orwell House, 2 Mile Walk, Peel Precinct, Kilburn, NW6 5HB	26.09.23	09.11.23	Approved 22.12.23	Awaiting official update
TRANSFER	Wing (Cricklewood) Ltd	10 Station Parade, Wilesden NW2 4NH	07.03.24			23.09.24
NSCR	The Private Pharmacy Group Ltd	Unit 2, Premier Park Road, NW10 7NZ TO Unit 703 Tudor Estate, Abbey Road, NW10 7UW	13.03.24	27.04.24		01.07.24

HARROW						
CONSOLIDATION	Site 1: Curapharm UK Ltd, 154 Greenford Road, Sudbury Hill, Harrow HA1 3QS (continuing)	Site 2: Wellcare (Harrow Weald) Ltd, 157-159 Greenford Road, Harrow HA1 3QN (closing following simultaneous transfer of ownership to Curapharm Ltd)	06.01.23	05.02.23	Approved 21.03.23	13.10.23
CONSOLIDATION	Site 1: Care Chemist, 5 Buckingham Pde, The Broadway, Stanmore HA7 4EB (continuing)	Site 2: Lloyds Pharmacy Limited, 1/9 The Broadway, Stanmore, HA7 4DA (closing)	28.03.23			Withdrawn 07.06.23
TRANSFER	SheavChem Ltd (Lloyds)	5 Warwick Parade, Belmont Circle, Harrow HA3 8SA	12.04.23		Approved 12.04.23	27.06.23
NSCR RELOCATION	Healthme Meds Ltd	Unit 7, Whitefriars Avenue, HA3 5RN TO Unit 5, Whitefriars Avenue HA3 5RN	20.07.23	03.09.23	Granted 23.10.23	08.11.23

NSR RELOCATION: No significant change relocation

TRANSFER: Transfer of ownership

CONSOLIDATION: Consolidation of pharmacies

Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group

Each of the Middlesex LPCs (Brent & Harrow; Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow; Hillingdon; Barnet, Enfield & Haringey) 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 (Rikin Patel, Vice -Chairman, Hillingdon LPC). 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 consultant pharmacist (Gerald Alexander), part time Operational Support and Service Development Clinical Pharmacists (Marsha Alter and Shivali Lakhani). Vasundra Tailor who was a part time consultant pharmacist took retirement in March 2023. Reena Shah resigned as part time Secretarial Assistant in June 2023. All staff members work from the one secretariat office in Whetstone.

Brent & Harrow LPC

Statement of Accounts

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

No of Contractors 137 (Brent: 80) (Harrow: 57)

Income	2023/2024	2022/2023
Statutory Levy	£ 172,583.99	£ 172,583.81
Sponsorship	£ -	£ -
Management Fee	£ 3,204.24	£ 4,203.45
Room Hire	£ -	£ -
Ad-Hoc Projects Income	£ 976.41	£ 6,323.40
Bank Interest	£ -	£ -
Total income	£ 176,764.63	£ 183,110.66
Expenditure		
¹ Rent, Rates, Landlord Service Charge & Utilities	£ 15,173.74	£ 13,960.70
Salaries & Pensions	£ 86,495.18	£ 100,328.53
Insurance: Includes PI Cover, Professional Subscriptions and Registration Fees	£ 752.49	£ 626.18
Ad-Hoc Projects Expense	£ 862.87	£ 1,954.07
Computer Support: includes website & data protection	£ 2,069.31	£ 2,595.50
PSNC	£ 37,142.23	£ 29,622.00
PSNC Training	£ -	£ -
Pharmacy London	£ 3,475.46	£ -
Meeting expenses LPC	£ 676.84	£ -
Meeting expenses Group	£ 315.41	£ 721.58
Member's expenses LPC	£ 2,080.00	£ 1,560.00
Member's expenses Group	£ 707.71	£ 2,091.28
² Office running costs	£ 4,576.98	£ 6,861.95
Bank charges	-£ 50.46	£ -
Corporation Tax	£ -	£ -
Total expenses	£ 154,277.75	£ 160,321.78
Surplus/deficit	£ 22,486.89	£ 22,788.88
average levy per contractor	£ 1,259.74	£ 1,298.66
average expenses per contractor	£ 1,126.11	£ 1,137.03
Percentage of total contractors:	25.2%	

BANK RECONCILIATION	2023/2024	2022/2023
Opening balance (proportion of MPG account) @ 1st April 23	£ 72,130.67	£ 51,549.76
Accruals c/f	£ 2,417.82	£ 1,676.99
Received/credits	£ 176,764.63	£ 183,110.66
Costs/debits	£ 154,277.75	£ 160,321.78
Prior year payments b/f	£ 1,676.99	£ 3,884.97
Calculated closing balance @ March 31st 24	£ 95,358.38	£ 72,130.67
Reserves % age	62%	45%

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:

1 Utilities includes Energy, Water & Council Tax

2 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

We have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2024. In our opinion the statement is a fair summary of income and expenditure and is supported by accounts, receipts and other documents maintained by Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group.

The layout of the statement has been amended this financial year to present a surplus for the year and more accurately categorise items of expenditure.

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