



Brent & Harrow

Annual Report 2024-25



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1st April 2024

to

31st March 2025



This is Community Pharmacy Brent & Harrow

Dear Colleagues,

In this annual report, we look back over the difficult and challenging period our community pharmacy contractors have been through. The community pharmacy contract needed replacement economically as it left our pharmacies coping with personal, professional, & financial issues impacting the running of individual businesses. The implementation of new services given the conditions of uncertain funding and medicine shortages and workforce difficulties has created an added burden to endure, alongside the daily running of a community pharmacy. Capacity has been stretched, but community pharmacists have been optimistic in the hope that the new NHS contract might begin to solve the funding issues bedeviling community pharmacy.

On the 31st of March 2025 the pharmacy minister announced the new deal for Community Pharmacy. The DHSC confirmed that they had agreed the funding with Community Pharmacy England which was worth an extra £617 million over 2 years.

Additionally, the DHSC is writing off £193 million debt for community pharmacy owners going into the new financial year on 1st April. This increase signals the government's intention of addressing years of underfunding and neglect that has left the sector facing significant financial shortfalls.

Reforms to deliver a raft of patient benefits have been announced as part of the government's agenda to shift the focus of care from hospitals into the community, so that more people can easily access care and support. An increased provision of services will not only improve access for patients, but also free up GP time and cut waiting lists by avoiding the need for people to book in to see their GP.

Included are:

- Making EHC available free of charge under the nationally commissioned Contraception Service via pharmacies on the NHS, ending the postcode lottery women face in accessing services and reducing inequalities.
- Offering patients suffering from depression convenient support at pharmacies when they are prescribed antidepressants, to boost mental health support in the community.
- Cutting red tape and bureaucracy to give patients easier access to consultations, with more of the pharmacy team able to deliver a wider number of services including medicines and prescriptions advice, Pharmacy First services and carrying out blood pressure checks.
- Boosting financial incentives for pharmacists to identify patients with undiagnosed high blood pressure and take pressure off GPs.

The LPC's challenge is to continue to support pharmacy teams to implement new services. Our work for 2025-26 will be influenced by the new pharmacy contract.

Community pharmacy contractors in Brent & Harrow have performed the highest standards of patient care. This outstanding work, dedication, and perseverance of each one of our contractors has been exemplary. The LPC continues to work tirelessly on contractor's behalf. The LPC consults and works with local commissioners, ICSs, and Local Authorities, to help reduce any related changes in service that can damage the pharmacy businesses. The LPC continues to promote and support contractors' interests, to provide community pharmacies with the resources and support required to address the day-to-day issues and unexpected professional difficulties.

As the voice of community pharmacy in Brent & Harrow, our role in supporting contractors and championing the sector is crucial. Our policy is to advocate for fair funding, secure improvement in financial support for pharmacies, with the uncertainty that government and NHS bodies view community pharmacy services.

Ahead of us all, we are committed to furthering the integration of community pharmacies into Primary Care Networks and the developing Neighbourhood Health Service Teams while supporting our members as they introduce new and innovative services.

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) for each of the Boroughs of Brent and Harrow represents an accurate picture of pharmaceutical provision within these areas and how that provision meets the needs of people within 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 next version of the PNAs are due to be published in October 2025.

The LPC team has supported contractors through hundreds of your questions/queries weekly by phone and email. We have advised our contractors on 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, medicines waste management, drug shortages, technical issues such as NHSMail, third party platforms, smartcard and many other contractual matters. The LPC has supported contractors with both nationally and locally commissioned service delivery related queries such as for COVID-19 vaccination programmes, lateral flow device service, flu vaccination support, hypertension case finding, contraception service and the Pharmacy First service. We continue to work with secondary care colleagues to implement the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) and the smoking cessation service (transfer of care).

Michael Levitan
Chief Executive MPG

Current Committee

Brent & Harrow LPC is a 13-member Committee comprising 10 representatives of independent contractors, 2 representatives of the Company Chemists Association and one representative of employee pharmacists working for Brent or Harrow contractors. The Committee represents all 137 pharmacies (80 in Brent and 57 in Harrow) including 13 distance selling pharmacies.

Shabbir Panju Chair	Independent	Dubison, 168 Church Road, Willesden, NW10 9NH
Sundip Sheth Vice Chair, Brent	Independent	Carters Chemist, 524-526 High Road, Wembley, HA9 7BS
Birju Patel Vice Chair, Harrow	Independent	Stratwicks, 240 Northolt Road, South Harrow, HA2 8DU
Praful Radia, Brent	Independent	RJ's Pharmacy, 210 Ealing Road, Wembley, HA0 4QG
Anish Patel, Brent	Independent	S&S Chemists, 23 Hillside, London, NW11 8LY
Sunil Patel, Brent	Independent	Hyperchem, 34 Salisbury Road, Queens Park, NW6 6NL
Avni Patel, Harrow	Independent	Wellcare, 157-159 Greenford Road, Harrow, HA1 3QN
Alakh Patel, Harrow	Independent	Carters Chemist, 24 Bridge Street, HA5 3JF
Lila Thakerar, Harrow	Independent	Shaftesbury Pharmacy, 5/6 Shaftesbury Pde, HA2 0AJ
Shaheen Bhatti	CCA	Superdrug Pharmacy, 297-301 Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2TA
Rishma Naidoo	CCA	Boots, Thane Road, Beeston, Nottingham, NG90 1BS
Vacancy (Harrow)	Independent	
Vacancy (Brent or Harrow)	Employee	



Member Name	LPC Meeting Attendance
Shabbir Panju	4 out of 4
Sundip Sheth	3 out of 4
Birju Patel	4 out of 4
Praful Radia	0 out of 4
Anish Patel	4 out of 4
Sunil Patel	3 out of 4
Avni Patel	4 out of 4
Alakh Patel	3 out of 4
Lila Thakerar	4 out of 4
Shaheen Bhatti	4 out of 4
Rishma Naidoo	2 out of 4

Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group

Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group comprises four LPCs - Barnet, Enfield & Haringey; Brent & Harrow; Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow; and Hillingdon. Each LPC appoints members to the Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group. The Group acts as a co-ordinating umbrella organisation for the constituent LPCs and appoints a Group Chair (Hiten Patel, Chair Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow), Vice-Chair (Shabbir Panju, Chair Brent and Harrow) and Treasurer (Rikin Patel, Vice-Chair Hillingdon).

The LPCs share: a full-time Chief Executive & Secretary [Michael Levitan]; Office Manager and PA to the Chief Executive [Emma Nairn]; part-time Financial Controller [Judi Waldman]; and four part-time pharmacists [Marsha Alter, Shivali Lakhani, Gerald Alexander and Amalin Dutt] who between them provide support to the four LPCs from Monday to Friday, equivalent to just over one day a week per LPC.

B&H Statistics

	2023-24	2024-25
	No of Claims	No of Claims
ABPM	1,162	1,450
BP Clinic Checks	21,866	40,295
Contraception	294	2,320
Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways	1,897	23,844

Prescription Statistics

	2023-24	2024-25
Number of Items	11,001,260	11,963,601
Number of Prescriptions	11,083,965	12,050,820
Ave basic cost per Prescription	£8.12	£7.90

Locally Commissioned Services

Brent
Supervised Consumption
Needle Exchange
London Flu and PPV Vaccination
Emergency Hormonal Contraception
In hours Palliative Care
Out of hours Palliative Care

Harrow
Supervised Consumption
Needle Exchange
London Flu and PPV Vaccination
In hours Palliative Care
Out of hours Palliative Care

Market Entry

The table below summarizes the contract applications and changes in Brent & Harrow for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

ICB/BOROUGH/HWB 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	Wing (Cricklewood) Ltd	10 Station Parade, Wilesden NW2 4NH	07.03.24		Approved	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		
TRANSFER	Wing (Cricklewood) Ltd	177 The Broadway, Cricklewood, NW2 3HT	19.04.24		Approved	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	21.05.24		Approved	01.07.24
TRANSFER	Total Link Ltd	78 Burnley Road, London, NW10 1EJ	26.09.24			
NEW DS	QCP1 Ltd	G116 Oxgate House, Oxgate Lane, London, NW2 7FS	27.12.24	09.02.25		
NSCR	The Private Pharmacy Group Ltd	Unit 703, Tudor Estate, Abbey Road, London NW10 TO Unit 2, Premier Business Park. London NW10 7NZ.	31.01.25	17.03.25		

HARROW						
TRANSFER	S&A Pharmacy	251 Northolt Road, Middlesex, HA2 8HR	19.04.24			
TRANSFER	Cedars (London) Ltd	197 Headstone Lane, North Harrow, HA2 6ND	23.05.24			15.08.24

NSR RELOCATION: No significant change relocation

NEW DS Excepted application for a new distance selling pharmacy

TRANSFER: Transfer of ownership

NEW UB: Application under the 2013 Regulations for a new contract claiming Unforeseen Benefit

Community Pharmacy B&H

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Independent Assurance Review

We have reviewed the financial statements of Community Pharmacy B&H for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation follows applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Committee member's responsibility for the financial statement

The Committee members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Scope of the Assurance Review

A review of financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2400 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We have performed procedures primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the entity as appropriate, applying analytical procedures and evaluating the evidence obtained. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Accountants

Blick Rotherby Limited
16 Great Queen Street
Covent Garden
London WC2B 5AH
Date: 31/07/2025



Brent & Harrow LPC

Statement of Accounts

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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

Income	2024/2025	2023/2024
Statutory Levy	£ 172,584.00	£ 172,583.99
Sponsorship	£ -	£ -
Management Fee	£ 892.52	£ 3,204.24
Room Hire	£ -	£ -
Ad-Hoc Projects Income	£ 21,868.44	£ 976.41
Bank Interest	£ 12.68	£ -
Total income	£195,357.64	£176,764.63
Expenditure		
Rent, Rates, Landlord Service Charge & Utilities	£ 16,689.32	£ 15,173.74
Salaries & Pensions	£ 93,060.38	£ 86,495.18
Insurance: Includes PI Cover, Professional Subscriptions and Registration Fees	£ 438.94	£ 752.49
Ad-Hoc Projects Expense	£ 5,864.21	£ 862.87
Computer Support: includes website & data protection	£ 2,099.12	£ 2,069.31
PSNC	£ 46,715.23	£ 37,142.23
PSNC Training	£ -	£ -
Pharmacy London	£ 6,862.64	£ 3,475.46
Meeting expenses LPC	£ 686.70	£ 676.84
Meeting expenses Group	£ 367.07	£ 315.41
Member's expenses LPC	£ 1,640.00	£ 2,080.00
Member's expenses Group	£ 1,361.49	£ 707.71
Office running costs	£ 9,817.34	£ 4,576.98
Bank charges	£ 8.59	£ 50.46
Corporation Tax	£ -	£ -
Total expenses	£185,611.03	£154,277.75
Surplus/deficit	£ 9,746.61	£ 22,486.89

average levy per contractor	£ 1,259.74	£ 1,253.65
average expenses per contractor	£ 1,354.83	£ 1,094.17
Percentage of total MPG contractors:	25.3%	

BANK RECONCILIATION	2024/2025	2023/2024
Opening balance (proportion of MPG account) @ 1st April 24	£ 95,358.38	£ 72,130.67
Accruals c/f	£ 3,581.83	£ 2,417.82
Received/credits	£ 195,357.64	£176,764.63
Costs/debits	£ 185,611.03	£154,277.75
Prior year payments b/f	£ 2,690.12	£ 1,676.99
Calculated closing balance @ March 31st 25	£105,996.70	£ 95,358.38
Reserves % age	57%	62%

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