

Minutes of Community Pharmacy Kent Committee Meeting 14th July 2026

Officers

P	Mark Anyaegbuna (CEO)	CEO	Kent LPC
Aps	Amish Patel (Chair)	Chair	Independent
P	David Entwistle (DE)	Vice Chair	CCA
Members			
P	Sachin Mehta (SM)	Member	IPA
Aps	Sunil Chopra (SC)	Member	Independent
P	David Apata (DA)	Member	CCA
P	Samantha Grieve (SG)	Member	CCA
Aps	Shirley Walker (SW)	Member	CCA
Aps	Maureen Aruede (MA)	Member	Independent
P	Michael Donaghy (MD)	Member	IPA
Aps	Mike Rudin (MR)	Member	IPA
P	Olabimpe Kunlipo (OK)	Member	Independent
LPC Staff			
P	Adeyinka Jolaoso (AJ)	Service Development Manager	
P	Priya Mattu (PM)	Project Manager	
P	Natalia Bejan (NB)	LPC Office Administrator	
Guest			
P	Lorraine Beverley (LB)	Business Territory Manager Nestle Health Science	
P	Gary Warner (GW)	Community Pharmacy England South East Regional Representative	
P	Jemma Richardson (JR)	General Pharmaceutical Council Inspector	

p	Present	Pm	part of the meeting only	Aps	apologies sent	Apns	Apologies not sent
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Meeting commenced at 09:30am

Welcome and Apologies

The meeting was chaired by DE (Vice Chair), as the Chair sent his apology.

The Vice Chair welcomed all committee members. AP, SC, SW, MA and MR sent their apologies.

Minutes and actions of the last meeting were signed with no amendments.

1. CEO Updates

CEO shared the slide as attached

Key Highlights

- CEO shared with the committee that Kent LPC funding has been received into the bank account for the Teach and Treat, Research in the Community Pharmacy Project, Lung Cancer Screening Programme, and PCN Leads projects. He also outlined the structure of each programme and the associated activities.
- CEO shared Adam Doyle's, the CEO of the ICB key priorities for the LPC, highlighting the importance of addressing the budget deficit, supporting the Integrated Neighborhood and the ten-year plan agenda, making better use of Community Pharmacy services, and improving access, for patient outcomes
- CEO advised that the ICB has prioritized CVD prevention and is exploring the role of community pharmacy as the lead provider for uncomplicated hypertension management and the proposal would establish community pharmacies as key providers of blood pressure monitoring, cardiovascular risk assessment, early intervention and ongoing hypertension management, working in partnership with GP practices and Integrated Neighbourhood Teams.
- CEO outlined that delivery would take place across three phases: expanding existing services, developing Independent Prescribing capacity, and establishing pharmacy-led hypertension management.
- Committee members highlighted the importance of GP engagement, shared clinical systems, workforce capacity and clear patient pathways to support successful implementation.
- CEO emphasized that strong collaboration with Local Medical Committees would be essential throughout the programme.
- CEO highlighted that the proposal presents a significant opportunity to strengthen the clinical role of community pharmacy, improve CVD prevention and reduce pressure on general practice.
- CEO confirmed that the proposal has been submitted to the ICB, and will remain confidential during discussions, and that a further update is expected at the September Committee meeting.

2. Service Development Updates

AJ shared the slide as attached

Key Highlights

- AJ shared an update on current service development and performance across Kent and Medway.
- AJ shared that Pharmacy First performance continues to improve, while activity for the Pharmacy Contraception Service and ABPM remains below target, with improvement plans in place.

- AJ shared a range of initiatives to increase service uptake, including GP engagement, performance reporting, patient communications and strengthened collaboration between GP practices and community pharmacies.
- AJ shared an update on the Meningitis B Vaccination Program, with 227 contractors signed up ahead of the 20 July 2026 deadline.
- AJ shared that eligible UK, and international students can access the service until 31 March 2027.
- AJ shared that participating pharmacies must deliver the service under a PGD, use RAVS to record vaccinations, and meet activity requirements to maintain vaccine supply and access incentive payments.
- AJ shared an overview of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2026/27, including funding arrangements, eligibility and key claim deadlines.
- AJ shared that contractors could claim an optional aspiration payment in July 2026 ahead of the final declaration in February 2027.
- AJ shared in details each domain required for this year PQS including the timelines for each domain.

3. Project Updates

PM shared the slide as attached

Key Highlights

- PM provided an update on the Discharge Medicines Service advising that East Kent DMS has been escalated due to limited progress, high error rates, and concerns relating to corridor care. The Trust is now under formal review, with the LPC and ICB working together to support improvement actions.
- PM shared that MTW is exploring electronic FP10 prescribing to nominated community pharmacies, with costs remaining with the trust and impact being monitored.
- PM shared that PCN Lead mobilization is underway with the ICB, focusing on increasing coverage, mapping Independent Prescribers and strengthening pharmacy representation.
- PM shared that Pharmacy First monitoring continues, with work ongoing to improve data accuracy, referral quality and PCN engagement.
- PM shared that Antimicrobial Prescribing monitoring continues, with some outliers identified and supportive reviews planned with affected pharmacies.
- PM shared that the Teach and Treat programme has allocated 23 funded places, with 21 DPPs recruited. NHS England recognized the programme's strong progress and further funding opportunities are being explored.
- PM shared that £17,367 funding has been secured for the NIHR community pharmacy research project, with expressions of interest open for suitable research opportunities.

- PM shared that the Dartford Lung Cancer Screening Campaign has launched, with 13 pharmacies participating and supporting patient awareness and self-referral.

Action: PM to circulate the final approved Pharmacy First leaflet once governance approval processes have been completed. (ongoing)

4. Finance Sub-Committee Updates

Key Highlights

- SG provided a financial update, explaining that the £161k year-end deficit was mainly due to the timing of allocated project funds and expenditure. Account 2 held around £66k of allocated project funding at year end.
- SG confirmed that spending for the current year is progressing as expected, with £138k spent against a planned £155k up to the end of June. Salary costs remain on budget at approximately £58k year to date.
- SG advised that project fund tracking is being updated to give a clearer view of the FY26 financial position. Around £60k is currently being held by the Provider Company to support ongoing projects, including Teach and Treat, with further payments expected.
- SG noted that reserves currently provide around three months' financial cover and remain at an appropriate level. The Finance Subcommittee will continue to review the reserves position and consider whether any updates to the reserves policy are needed.

5. Performance Sub-committee

Key Highlights

- MA provided an update on MP engagement, with further activity planned from September following the break.
- MA shared an update on office team performance and ongoing engagement with the community and contractors.

6. Nestle Health Science UK

Lorraine Beverley provided a presentation to update the committee on Nestle Health Science UK

Key Highlights

- LB updated on the baby milk product withdrawal, advising that the precautionary withdrawal has been managed, and supply is now stabilizing, with priority given to babies with limited alternatives and also noted variation in specialist formula prescribing across Kent and Medway and the need to continue supporting appropriate use.

7. Community Pharmacy England Updates

Gary Warner, Community Pharmacy England Regional Representative, shared a presentation with the Committee

Key Highlights

- GW shared CPE updates on pharmacy reform, future funding and the changing role of community pharmacy.
- GW shared opportunities for Pharmacy First and service growth, highlighting better promotion, patient signposting and digital support.
- GW shared that pharmacies need to move towards a hybrid model, reducing reliance on dispensing income and increasing clinical services.
- GW shared concerns around IP funding, as increased clinical responsibility requires additional time and resources.
- He also shared updates on CPE constitutional changes, including revised representation arrangements.
- GW shared that pharmacy sustainability requires more focus on clinical roles, service delivery and future reform.

8. General Pharmaceutical Council Updates

Jemma Richardson, General Pharmaceutical Council Inspector shared a presentation with the Committee.

Key Highlights

- JR shared the GPhC Strategic Plan 2025–2030, focusing on safe pharmacy care, public protection and supporting pharmacy professionals.
- JR shared updates on international qualified pharmacists, including proposed changes to registration routes and inclusion of independent prescribing training.
- JR shared updated prescriber guidance, highlighting safe prescribing, working within competence, mentorship and revalidation.
- JR shared education and training updates, including improved quality assurance, student feedback and monitoring.
- JR shared changes to GPhC inspections, with a more focused, risk-based approach and flexible follow-up.
- JR shared common inspection concerns, including risk management, record keeping, medicines safety and governance of enhanced/private services.
- JR shared the importance of suitable consultation areas, patient privacy and maintaining a professional pharmacy environment.
- JR shared the importance of engaging with GPhC consultations, guidance and feedback opportunities.

Actions:

JR to feedback concerns regarding IP training, DPP access and legacy pharmacist support.
Share GPhC slides and updates with committee.

9. AOB

None raised.

Meeting ended at 16:15

Upcoming LPC meeting 2026/2027

- 8th September 2026
- 10th November 2026
- 19th January 2027
- 2nd March 2027

All meetings will be taking place face to face at Holiday Inn Maidstone /Sevenoaks, London Road, Kent, TN15 7RS