

AGM MINUTES

16 July 2026

The Fielder Centre, Hatfield

Present

Rachel Solanki (Chair)
Karsan Chandegra
Girish Mehta
Vinesh Naidoo
Vikash Patel

Professional

Helen Musson
Niru Sivanesan
Eve Coletta
Chloe Papadopoulos

Apologies

Sheelan Shah
Suraj Varia
Parag Oza
Viral Patel
Mohamed Moledina
Adrian Price

Guests

James Woods–CPE
Reena Saini
Jasmine Shah
Janet Weir
Hollie Ryder
Sokoya Babatunde
Hok–Yan Wong
Bipan Sharma

Community Pharmacy Contractors Present

Abell Chemist	Chemilab Limited
Acorn Pharmacy	Chiswell Pharmacy
Asda Pharmacy	Cristals Pharmacy
Asda Pharmacy Hatfield	Crown Pharmacy
Boots UK Limited	Gate2Pharma
Byrons Pharmacy	Globe Pharmacy
CareRx Pharmacy	Great Ashby Pharmacy
S. L. Anderson Chemist / SL Anderson Chemists	Highfield Pharmacy

Speedwell Pharmacy	IMED Pharmacy
Swan Pharmacy	Johns and Kelynack Pharmacy
Tee Kay Enterprises Ltd	Lex Pharmacy
Tesco Potters Bar	Letchworth Pharmacy
Village Pharmacy	M K Shah Pharmacy
Ware Cross / Andrews	Manor Pharmacy
Wellswood Pharmacy	Metro Pharmacy
Woods Pharmacy	Morrisons
FT Taylor Pharmacy	Niti Pharmacy
Oaks Cross Pharmacy	Quadrant Pharmacy
	Riverside Pharmacy
Pyramid Pharmacy	

Minute No.	Agenda Item
1	Words from our sponsors & Networking – Gurmeet Khaira at Cipla, Rizwan Akhtar at RA Accountants and Amit at Ziplanerx Limited. We would like to thank our other sponsors who contributed and had a stand: Exeltis, Cambrian Alliance, Viatris, Titan PMR, Meditech and Chiesi
2	WELCOME Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3	CONFIRMATION of 2025 AGM MINUTES The minutes were approved and signed off by the Chair. They are on the CPH website.
4	ANNUAL REPORT Chair presented the Annual Report and reported on CPHs achievements. Chair reminded everyone that CPH is here to support all contractors. Chair thanked the committee for their support and office staff for their continued work.
5	APPROVAL of CPH ACCOUNTS 2024/25 The Statement of Accounts and paperwork had been forwarded to all contractors with 30 days' notice before the meeting. CPH received 2 online votes and 27 on the night votes to approve the accounts. There were no abstentions and no online votes to not approve the accounts. The accounts were approved.
6	Panel 1: Supervision, Delegation and Operational Reality Confirmed Expert Panel: National Pharmacy Association (NPA) and General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC). Panel members Reena Saini & Jasmine Shah discussed December deadline and how to safely manage workflow between RPs and technicians, update your SOPs under pressure, and protect your professional liability during pharmacist absences.

7	Panel 2: Independent Prescribing (IP) Local and National Outlook Confirmed Expert Panel: National Pharmacy Association (NPA) and Local Pathfinder IPs. Panel Members Hollie Ryder, Janet Weir, Babatunde Sokoya, Bipan Sharma & Hok-yan Wong discussed how to prepare for the upcoming Autumn national IP rollout and transitioning from rigid PGDs to autonomous prescribing, building trust with local GP practices, and whether IP is commercially viable for business.
8	Navigating the 2026/27 Contract James Woods provided an overview of the 2026/27 Community Pharmacy Contract, highlighting its complexity, common pitfalls to avoid, and practical actions contractors can take to maximise available funding and support the sustainability of their pharmacies. An interactive workshop followed, with attendees working in small groups to discuss a series of questions relating to the contract. Feedback from each group was shared with the wider meeting and will be collated to inform future work. The session concluded with a question-and-answer discussion, during which James Woods responded to attendees' queries and provided further clarification on key aspects of the contract.
9	CPH AWARDS of COMMUNITY PHARMACY in HERTFORDSHIRE Community pharmacies were presented with awards to recognise their achievements across the following sectors: • <i>Community Pharmacy of the Year 2025/26</i> Winner – Riverside Pharmacy Highly Commended – Barnes Pharmacy and JE Williamson Chemist • <i>Contraception Award 2025/26</i> Winner – SL Anderson, Stevenage Highly Commended – Great Ashby, Superdrug (Hemel Hempstead), Boots (Watford, Harlequin) and Asda (Hatfield): • <i>Hypertension Award- 2025/26</i> Winner – Wellswood, Borehamwood Highly Commended – Stevenage Pharmacy, Barnes and Boots (Watling Street) • <i>Clinical Integration Award-2025/26</i> Winner – SL Anderson, Stevenage Highly Commended – Letchworth Pharmacy, Johns & Kaniak (Waitrose, Welwyn Garden City), Prestwick Chemists and Barnes
10	Chair and Chief Officer thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was formally closed.