General Pharmaceutical Council

Registered pharmacy inspection report

Pharmacy name: Allied Pharmacy Chemist Lodge

Address: 157 Lodge Lane, Liverpool, Merseyside, L8 0QQ

Pharmacy reference: 1034512

Type of pharmacy: Community

Date of inspection: 28/10/2026

Pharmacy context and inspection background

This pharmacy is situated in a semi-residential area of Toxteth, Liverpool. It dispenses NHS prescriptions, private prescriptions and sells over-the-counter medicines. It also provides a range of services including the NHS Pharmacy First service, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM), Pharmacy contraception service (PCS), New medicines service (NMS), Smoking Cessation Service (SCS), Discharge medicines service (DMS) and a private flu vaccinations service via a patient group direction (PGD). The pharmacy supplies medicines in multi-compartment compliance packs to some people to help them take their medicines at the right time.

This was a full routine inspection of the pharmacy. The pharmacy was last inspected in June 2016.

Overall outcome: Standards met

Required Action: Not Required

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Standards that were met with areas for improvement

Standard 1.2

- The pharmacy has a process to record near misses and dispensing errors. But near misses are not always recorded consistently, and it does not routinely review the records or document the outcomes of investigations into dispensing errors. This reduces the pharmacy's ability to identify patterns, share learning and take effective action to prevent similar mistakes happening again.

Standard 1.6

- The pharmacy keeps the records it needs to by law. But some entries in the private prescription record do not include complete and accurate prescriber details. This reduces assurance that the pharmacy's records are consistently complete and accurate if they are needed to respond to queries, concerns or incidents.

Standard 2.2

- The pharmacy has team members who are appropriately trained or on suitable training programmes. However, there are no clear examples of ongoing training. This reduces assurance that staff are consistently supported to maintain the knowledge and skills required for their roles.

Standard 4.2

- The pharmacy does not routinely highlight when people are being supplied with higher-risk medicines. This means pharmacy team members may not always identify when extra checks or advice are needed, and people may not always receive the information they need to take these medicines safely.

Standard 4.4

- The pharmacy receives drug safety alerts. However, it does not consistently keep records of the actions taken in response to these alerts. This means the pharmacy may not be able to demonstrate the action it takes in response to alerts.

Principle 1: The governance arrangements safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of patients and the public

Summary outcome: Standards met

Table 1: Inspection outcomes for standards under principle 1

Standard	Outcome of individual standard	Area for improvement/ Area of good or excellent practice
1.1 - The risks associated with providing pharmacy services are identified and managed	Met	
1.2 - The safety and quality of pharmacy services are regularly reviewed and monitored	Met	**Area For Improvement**
1.3 - Pharmacy services are provided by staff with clearly defined roles and clear lines of accountability	Met	
1.4 - Feedback and concerns about the pharmacy, services and staff can be raised by individuals and organisations, and these are taken into account and action taken where appropriate	Met	
1.5 - Appropriate indemnity or insurance arrangements are in place for the pharmacy services provided	Met	
1.6 - All necessary records for the safe provision of pharmacy services are kept and maintained	Met	**Area For Improvement**
1.7 - Information is managed to protect the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of patients and the public who receive pharmacy services	Met	
1.8 - Children and vulnerable adults are safeguarded	Met	

Principle 2: Staff are empowered and competent to safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of patients and the public

Summary outcome: Standards met

Table 2: Inspection outcomes for standards under principle 2

Standard	Outcome of individual standard	Area for improvement/ Area of good or excellent practice
2.1 - There are enough staff, suitably qualified and skilled, for the safe and effective provision of the pharmacy services provided	Met	
2.2 - Staff have the appropriate skills, qualifications and competence for their role and the tasks they carry out, or are working under the supervision of another person while they are in training	Met	**Area For Improvement**
2.3 - Staff can comply with their own professional and legal obligations and are empowered to exercise their professional judgement in the best interests of patients and the public	Met	
2.4 - There is a culture of openness, honesty and learning	Met	
2.5 - Staff are empowered to provide feedback and raise concerns about meeting these standards and other aspects of pharmacy services	Met	
2.6 - Incentives or targets do not compromise the health, safety or wellbeing of patients and the public, or the professional judgement of staff	Met	

Principle 3: The environment and condition of the premises from which pharmacy services are provided, and any associated premises, safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of patients and the public

Summary outcome: Standards met

Table 3: Inspection outcomes for standards under principle 3

Standard	Outcome of individual standard	Area for improvement/ Area of good or excellent practice
3.1 - Premises are safe, clean, properly maintained and suitable for the pharmacy services provided	Met	
3.2 - Premises protect the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of patients and the public who receive pharmacy services	Met	
3.3 - Premises are maintained to a level of hygiene appropriate to the pharmacy services provided	Met	
3.4 - Premises are secure and safeguarded from unauthorized access	Met	
3.5 - Pharmacy services are provided in an environment that is appropriate for the provision of healthcare	Met	

Principle 4: The way in which pharmacy services, including management of medicines and medical devices, are delivered safeguards the health, safety and wellbeing of patients and the public

Summary outcome: Standards met

Table 4: Inspection outcomes for standards under principle 4

Standard	Outcome of individual standard	Area for improvement/ Area of good or excellent practice
4.1 - The pharmacy services provided are accessible to patients and the public	Met	
4.2 - Pharmacy services are managed and delivered safely and effectively	Met	**Area For Improvement**
4.3 - Medicines and medical devices are: obtained from a reputable source; safe and fit for purpose; stored securely; safeguarded from unauthorized access; supplied to the patient safely; and disposed of safely and securely	Met	
4.4 - Concerns are raised when medicines or medical devices are not fit for purpose	Met	**Area For Improvement**

Principle 5: The equipment and facilities used in the provision of pharmacy services safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of patients and the public

Summary outcome: Standards met

Table 5: Inspection outcomes for standards under principle 5

Standard	Outcome of individual standard	Area for improvement/ Area of good or excellent practice
5.1 - Equipment and facilities needed to provide pharmacy services are readily available	Met	
5.2 - Equipment and facilities are: obtained from a reputable source; safe and fit for purpose; stored securely; safeguarded from unauthorized access; and appropriately maintained	Met	
5.3 - Equipment and facilities are used in a way that protects the privacy and dignity of the patients and the public who receive pharmacy services	Met	

What do the summary outcomes for each principle mean?

Finding	Meaning
✔ Good practice	The pharmacy performs well against most of the standards and can demonstrate positive outcomes for patients from the way it delivers pharmacy services.
✔ Standards met	The pharmacy meets all the standards.
Standards not all met	The pharmacy has not met one or more standards.