

# Registered pharmacy inspection report

## Pharmacy name: Boots

**Address:** 27 Bury Street, ABINGDON, Oxfordshire, OX14 3QT

**Pharmacy reference:** 1035880

**Type of pharmacy:** Community

**Date of inspection:** 12/06/2025

### Pharmacy context and inspection background

The pharmacy is in a small shopping precinct in Abingdon. It dispenses NHS and private prescriptions, gives health advice and recommends over-the-counter medicines. The pharmacy's services include substance misuse, Pharmacy First, new medicines service, seasonal flu vaccinations, emergency hormonal contraception, blood pressure case-finding, discharge medicines and palliative care. This was a full routine inspection of the pharmacy. The pharmacy was last inspected July 2018.

**Overall outcome:** Standards met

**Required Action:** None

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### Areas of good practice

#### Standard 1.1

- The pharmacy has processes in place to help the team to monitor and minimise potential risks when delivering services to people. For instance, training in SOPs is ongoing and team members use technology to modify the dispensing process and this reduces risks to patient safety, including the risk of dispensing errors.

## Standard 1.2

- The pharmacy can show through its records that the use of its scanning technology has resulted in a reduction in the frequency and types of mistakes which occur during dispensing. And scanning barcodes prompts more effective counselling so people know how best to use their medicines.

## Standard 2.2

- The pharmacy encourages continuous learning for team members. It can show all team members are appropriately trained for their roles. And they are supported in developing their skills, knowledge and careers.

## Standard 4.2

- The pharmacy can demonstrate how it safeguards the people who use its services in a variety of ways. For instance, it uses technology to prompt team members to counsel people appropriately when they collect high-risk medicines. And these include medicines requiring therapeutic monitoring eg: valproates. The team uses tubs to separate prescriptions and medicines when dispensing prescriptions. Team members create an audit trail and take responsibility for the prescriptions they dispense by initialling the dispensing labels and completing pharmacist information forms to highlight important information for the pharmacist.

## 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	<b>Good practice</b>
1.2 - The safety and quality of pharmacy services are regularly reviewed and monitored	Met	<b>Good practice</b>
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	
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	<b>Good practice</b>
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	<b>Good practice</b>
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	

## 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
✓ <b>Excellent practice</b>	The pharmacy demonstrates innovation in the way it delivers pharmacy services which benefit the health needs of the local community, as well as performing well against the standards.
✓ <b>Good practice</b>	The pharmacy performs well against most of the standards and can demonstrate positive outcomes for patients from the way it delivers pharmacy services.
✓ <b>Standards met</b>	The pharmacy meets all the standards.
<b>Standards not all met</b>	The pharmacy has not met one or more standards.