

Registered pharmacy inspection report

Pharmacy name: J Edmunds

Address: 47 Kingsland High Street, LONDON, E8 2JS

Pharmacy reference: 1040091

Type of pharmacy: Community

Date of inspection: 19/06/2025

Pharmacy context and inspection background

This pharmacy is located on a busy high street in Dalston. In addition to providing NHS dispensing services, the pharmacy provides the Hypertension Case Finding Service, the Pharmacy First service, the Contraception service and the New Medicine Service (NMS). It supplies medicines in multi-compartment compliance packs to a number of people to help them take their medicines safely and delivers medicines to some patients. The pharmacy also offers a malaria prophylaxis service via a Patient Group Direction (PGD). It offers a range of over-the-counter medicines for sale via its website. And works with a third-party online prescribing service.

This was a routine inspection of the pharmacy which focused on the core Standards relating to patient safety. Not all the Standards were inspected on this occasion. The pharmacy was last inspected in August 2018.

Overall outcome: Standards not all met

Required Action: Improvement Action Plan

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Standards not met

Standard 1.1

- The pharmacy works with a third-party provider which offers a prescribing service including for weight-loss medicines. The pharmacy could not sufficiently demonstrate that it has the necessary assurances that the third-party prescriber has considered the risks of the service. It could not sufficiently demonstrate what safeguards the third-party prescriber had in place when prescribing weight loss medicines.

Standard 3.4

- The pharmacy has a barrier in place to prevent unauthorised access to restricted areas, however the barrier is not secure and there is a risk that the restricted area could be accessed if the pharmacy team are not closely monitoring the area.

Standards that were met with areas for improvement

Standard 1.1

- The pharmacy has standard operating procedures (SOPs). But these have not been reviewed recently. So, they may not reflect current best practice.

Standard 1.6

- The pharmacy generally keeps the records it needs to by law. But some of its records are incomplete and do not contain the required information. The pharmacy does not always record the prescribers' details for private prescriptions it dispenses. And it does not always make a record about the prescriber for unlicensed medicines it dispenses. And it does not record all the information it needs to about the malaria prophylaxis it supplies. For example, some of its vaccination forms did not record people's consent, and some were missing a record about any advice given, or what medicine was supplied.

Standard 4.3

- The pharmacy generally provides its services safely. But it does not routinely highlight prescriptions for some of the controlled drugs. This may increase the chance that medicines are handed out when the prescription is no longer valid.

Standard 4.4

- The pharmacy has a procedure to receive and deal with drug alerts and recalls appropriately and it makes a record of its actions. But it does not always read and respond to these alerts promptly. No medicines affected by recent recalls were found in stock.

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

Summary outcome: Standards not all 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	Area for improvement
1.2 - The safety and quality of pharmacy services are regularly reviewed and monitored	Met	
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	Standard not inspected	
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	
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	Standard not inspected	
2.5 - Staff are empowered to provide feedback and raise concerns about meeting these standards and other aspects of pharmacy services	Standard not inspected	
2.6 - Incentives or targets do not compromise the health, safety or wellbeing of patients and the public, or the professional judgement of staff	Standard not inspected	

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 not all 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	Standard not inspected	
3.4 - Premises are secure and safeguarded from unauthorized access	Not met	
3.5 - Pharmacy services are provided in an environment that is appropriate for the provision of healthcare	Standard not inspected	

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	
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	Area for improvement
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	Standard not inspected	
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	Standard not inspected	

What do the summary outcomes for each principle mean?

Finding	Meaning
✓ Excellent practice	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.
✓ 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.