

# Registered pharmacy inspection report

## Pharmacy name: M W Phillips Chemists

Address: 9 Station Road, Crynant, NEATH, West Glamorgan, SA10 8NW

Pharmacy reference: 1043796

Type of pharmacy: Community

Date of inspection: 11/06/2026

### Pharmacy context and inspection background

This is a pharmacy in a rural village. It sells a range of over-the-counter medicines and dispenses NHS and private prescriptions. The pharmacy offers a range of services including provision of emergency hormonal contraception and treatment for minor ailments.

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 April 2017.

**Overall outcome:** Standards met

**Required Action:** Not Required

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### Standards that were met with areas for improvement

#### Standard 1.2

- Pharmacy team members discuss mistakes identified during the dispensing process but do not routinely record all of them. So they may miss opportunities to identify patterns, learn from their mistakes and improve their services.

## Standard 1.6

- The pharmacy generally keeps the records it needs to by law. But dates are sometimes missing from private prescription records and the nature of the emergency is occasionally missing for emergency supply records. So team members may not always be able to show exactly what has happened if any problems arise.

## Standard 4.1

- The pharmacy has limited access for people with mobility needs. The team offers support at the door, over the phone and through delivery, but this may still make it harder for some people to access services or receive care in the same way as others.

## Standard 4.2

- The pharmacy's dispensing processes are largely safe and effective but higher-risk medicines awaiting collection are not always identified. And members of the pharmacy team do not always know when they are being handed out. So they might not always be able to check that these medicines are still suitable, or give people advice about taking them.

## Standard 4.3

- Team members do not record date checks, which makes it difficult for them to demonstrate that these are carried out regularly. And there is a risk that expired medicines might be missed.

## Standard 4.4

- The pharmacy does not keep records of medicines safety alerts, which means that there is no audit trail to provide assurance that these are always acted upon promptly and appropriately.

## 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	<b>Area For Improvement</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	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	<b>Area For Improvement</b>
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 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	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	<b>Area For Improvement</b>
4.2 - Pharmacy services are managed and delivered safely and effectively	Met	<b>Area For Improvement</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	<b>Area For Improvement</b>
4.4 - Concerns are raised when medicines or medical devices are not fit for purpose	Met	<b>Area For Improvement</b>

## 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
✓ <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.