

Registered pharmacy inspection report

Pharmacy name: Barmston Pharmacy

Address: Westerhope Road, Barmston, WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear, NE38 8JF

Pharmacy reference: 1086850

Type of pharmacy: Community

Date of inspection: 09/03/2026

Pharmacy context and inspection background

The pharmacy is adjacent to a health centre in Barmston, in the town of Washington. It mainly dispenses NHS prescriptions and sells over-the-counter medicines. The pharmacy provides NHS consultation services such as Pharmacy First and the New Medicine Service (NMS). The pharmacy supplies medicines in multi-compartment compliance packs to some people, to help them remember to take their medicines. And it offers a medicine delivery service.

This was a full routine inspection of the pharmacy. The pharmacy was last inspected in May 2016. It changed ownership in June 2023.

Overall outcome: Standards not all met

Required Action: Improvement Action Plan

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Standards not met

Standard 1.1

- The pharmacy does not have a complete set of current written procedures, including for responsible pharmacist regulations and controlled drug management. And the team do not

always follow previous versions of these procedures including completing balance checks for the management of higher risk medicines. This means that the pharmacy is not always working in a way to suitably manage risks associated with its services.

Standard 1.6

- The pharmacy does not keep accurate records for some of its higher risk medicines requiring safe storage. And it does not make regular checks of these records against the physical stock held. As a result there are discrepancies in the pharmacy's records and no assurance these medicines are managed safely.

Standard 1.7

- The pharmacy stores some people's confidential information, including their names and other confidential information in an area that is visible to the public. This means the privacy of people who use the pharmacy may not always be protected.

Standard 2.2

- Not all pharmacy team members are trained in accordance with GPhC minimum training requirements and have not read the pharmacy's written procedures relevant to their role. So they may not have the required knowledge to carry out their role safely in delivering services.

Standard 4.3

- The pharmacy stores some medicines in areas where there is a significant risk of unauthorised access. This means the team cannot ensure medicines are always properly safeguarded.

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	Not met	
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	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	Not met	
1.7 - Information is managed to protect the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of patients and the public who receive pharmacy services	Not 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 not all 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	Not 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	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 not all 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	Not 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
✓ 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.