

# Registered pharmacy inspection report

## Pharmacy name: Boots

**Address:** 736-740 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, MANCHESTER, Lancashire, M20 2DW

**Pharmacy reference:** 1092463

**Type of pharmacy:** Community

**Date of inspection:** 21/10/2025

### Pharmacy context and inspection background

This is a traditional community pharmacy, situated on a high street in the centre of a suburban residential area, serving the local population. Its main activity is dispensing NHS prescription medicines for people living locally and provides some people's medicines in multi-compartment compliance packs. The pharmacy provides other NHS services including influenza vaccinations, Pharmacy First, the New Medicine Service, hypertension case-finding, oral contraception and substance misuse treatments.

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 May 2016.

**Overall outcome:** Standards met

**Required Action:** None

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### Standards that were met with areas for improvement

#### Standard 1.2

- The pharmacy keeps records of who prepares and checks each prescription medication. However,

these records are only kept for one month. This limits the team's ability to investigate and learn from mistakes involving a medicine supplied more than a month ago.

- The pharmacy team discusses and records mistakes it identifies when dispensing medicines to make sure team members learn from them. The team also reviews these records every month for any common mistakes, but the records do not always include enough detail about the cause of errors. This reduces the effectiveness of the reviews and the team may miss additional opportunities to learn from its mistakes and identify trends or mitigate risks in the dispensing process.

## **Standard 1.6**

- The pharmacy keeps records of prescription medicines it supplies privately. However, these records do not always include the correct prescriber's details, as required by law.

## **Standard 4.2**

- The pharmacy follows suitable processes and keeps appropriate records to provide compliance packs safely. However, the team does not always include descriptions of each medicine contained inside each compliance pack, which may make it more difficult for people to identify them.

## 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/<br>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/<br>Area of good or excellent practice |
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| 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 |
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| 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/<br>Area of good or excellent practice |
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| 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>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                            |                                                             |
| 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/<br>Area of good or excellent practice |
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| 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>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.                                                                                                                                        |