General Pharmaceutical Council

Registered pharmacy inspection report

Pharmacy name: Hearts Pharmacy Twerton

Address: 84 - 85 High Street, Twerton, BATH, Avon, BA2 1DE

Pharmacy reference: 1092545

Type of pharmacy: Community

Date of inspection: 15/10/2026

Pharmacy context and inspection background

This is a community pharmacy which is based in Twerton in the city of Bath. It serves its local population which was mixed in age range and background. The pharmacy opens five days a week. The pharmacy sells a range of over-the-counter medicines, dispenses NHS prescriptions, and provides treatment for some minor ailments.

This was an intelligence-led inspection of the pharmacy following information received by the GPhC. Not all the Standards were inspected on this occasion. The pharmacy was last inspected in July 2017.

Overall outcome: Standards not all met

Required Action: Statutory Enforcement

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Standards not met

Standard 1.1

- The pharmacy does not have any Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), or risk assessments in place for any medicines it supplies which are prescribed via a third-party online prescribing service. And all the risks associated with this prescribing service have not been appropriately identified and managed. This means the pharmacy cannot show how it delivers its services safely

and consistently.

Standard 1.2

- The pharmacy does not complete regular audits in relation to the prescribing services it uses or for the sale of medicines online. This means that it cannot identify any issues with the service provision, such as suitability of communication methods and clinical decisions, including refusal of sales.

Standard 1.6

- The pharmacy cannot provide sufficient assurances that the electronic prescriptions issued by the third-party prescribing service complied with digital signature requirements. In addition, although the private prescription register is kept as required, it often has the wrong prescriber recorded, which does not adhere to legal requirements.

Standard 4.2

- The pharmacy cannot provide evidence that appropriate clinical and identity checks are carried out for the medicines being supplied or that requests are appropriate for the people they are supplying medicines to.

Standards that were met with areas for improvement

Standard 4.4

- The pharmacy acts upon the drug alerts it receives, but it doesn't keep a clear record of what it has done, and when. This makes it harder for the pharmacy to show what action it has taken if a query about one of the affected medicines should arise in the future.

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	**Not 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	**Not 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	
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	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	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 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	**Not 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	
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
✔ 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.