

Registered pharmacy inspection report

Pharmacy name: Natvinc Ltd

Address: 18 Broome Way, Jaywick, CLACTON-ON-SEA, Essex, CO15 2HN

Pharmacy reference: 1093292

Type of pharmacy: Community

Date of inspection: 21/11/2025

Pharmacy context and inspection background

This community pharmacy is located in Jaywick near Clacton-On-Sea in Essex. It provides a variety of services including dispensing of NHS and private prescriptions, the sale of Pharmacy only (P) medicines and the Pharmacy First service under Patient Group Directions (PGDs). It also provides medicines in multi-compartment compliance packs to people who need extra support taking their medicines.

This was a full inspection of the pharmacy. The pharmacy was previously inspected in November 2016.

Overall outcome: Standards met

Required Action: None

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Standards that were met with areas for improvement

Standard 1.1

- The pharmacy has a set of standard operating procedures (SOPs), but these have not been reviewed for several years. And one document seen was a policy rather than an SOP and was over 10 years old. However, the team was observed working well and following procedures during the inspection. And the team gave assurances it would inform the superintendent pharmacist (SI) and

owner about the SOPs being in need of review.

Standard 1.2

- The pharmacy does not routinely record near misses (mistakes spotted before a medicine leaves the pharmacy) and although dispensing errors (mistakes spotted after a medicine has left the pharmacy) are recorded, these are recorded in limited detail. So the team may be missing out on opportunities to learn from mistakes. However, the team gave assurances that near misses would be recorded regularly going forward and said there has not been a dispensing error in the pharmacy for a long time. And the team confirmed that a meeting takes place in the pharmacy to discuss any dispensing errors that occurred.

Standard 3.1

- The pharmacy is somewhat cluttered with some boxes stacked up and on the floor which could pose a risk of tripping to team members. However, the team started to tidy up the boxes during the inspection and gave assurances the remaining boxes would be removed from the pharmacy that afternoon.

Standard 4.4

- The pharmacy receives safety alerts and recalls of medicines and medical devices and it is able to action these. But the action taken is not recorded and alerts are not archived after actioning. So, this could make it harder for the pharmacy to know if an alert has been appropriately actioned or find out what action was taken for an alert. The pharmacy has given assurances that going forward, all safety alerts and recalls will have the action taken recorded and will be archived after actioning.

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	Area for improvement
1.2 - The safety and quality of pharmacy services are regularly reviewed and monitored	Met	Area for improvement
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	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	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	Area for improvement
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 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	
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	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
✓ 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.