

# Registered pharmacy inspection report

## Pharmacy name: Cohens Chemist

**Address:** Childwall Partnership Project, Queens Drive, Five Ways Roundabout, LIVERPOOL, L15 6YG

**Pharmacy reference:** 1109994

**Type of pharmacy:** Community

**Date of inspection:** 22/07/2026

### Pharmacy context and inspection background

This pharmacy is situated inside a GP practice in the semi-residential area of Childwall, Liverpool. It dispenses NHS prescriptions, private prescriptions and sells over-the-counter medicines. It also provides a range of services including the NHS Pharmacy First service, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM), Pharmacy contraception service (PCS), New medicines service (NMS) and a private weight loss service via a patient group direction (PGD). The pharmacy supplies medicines in multi-compartment compliance packs to some people to help them take their medicines at the right time.

This was a full routine inspection of the pharmacy. The pharmacy was last inspected in January 2016.

**Overall outcome:** Standards met

**Required Action:** Not Required

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### Standards that were met with areas for improvement

#### Standard 1.6

- The pharmacy keeps the records it needs to by law. But team members do not always complete

the responsible pharmacist record, including signing out to help make it clear when the pharmacist's responsibility ends. Some entries in the private prescription record do not include complete and accurate prescriber details. This reduces assurance that the pharmacy's records are consistently complete and accurate if they are needed to respond to queries, concerns or incidents.

## **Standard 2.2**

- Pharmacy team members have the appropriate qualifications and training to carry out their roles. However, there is limited evidence of a structured approach to ongoing training and updates. This makes it harder for the pharmacy to provide assurance that team members' knowledge and skills are being routinely refreshed.

## **Standard 4.2**

- The pharmacy provides medicines in multi-compartment compliance packs to help people take their medicines. But they do not routinely provide patient information leaflets each time with their medicines. So, people may not always have up to date information about their medicines.
- Pharmacy team members speak to people who use the pharmacy's services. But they do not always highlight when higher-risk medicines are being handed out. So, they might not always be able to check that medicines are still suitable or give people advice about taking 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                            |                                                             |
| 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                            | <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 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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                            | <b>Area For Improvement</b>                                 |
| 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 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 | 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                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✓ <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.                                                                                                         |