Registered pharmacy inspection report

Pharmacy name: Yourpharmacy

Address: 26 Greenhill Main Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S8 7RD

Pharmacy reference: 9012029

Type of pharmacy: Internet / distance selling

Date of inspection: 17/03/2025

Pharmacy context and inspection background

This pharmacy is in a residential suburb of Sheffield in South Yorkshire. It offers NHS essential services to people at a distance through its website yourpharmacy.co.uk. And it provides some NHS consultation services including blood pressure checks and Pharmacy First. The pharmacy supplies some medicines in multi-compartment compliance packs, designed to help people to take their medicines. And it delivers medicines to people through its own delivery service and through a national postage service. People can access the pharmacy premises to purchase medicines and to access private consultation services including a weight loss service, travel health service, Vitamin B12 service and ear wax removal service. The pharmacy also offers its weight loss service at a distance through its website to people residing in the UK.

This was the first routine inspection of the pharmacy since it was registered in January 2023.

Overall outcome: Standards not all met

Required Action: Improvement Action Plan

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Standards not met

Standard 1.2

- The pharmacy does not monitor the quality or safety of its services through regular audits. So it can't show that prescribers continue to follow the procedures it has put in place to keep prescribing safe. And by not completing these reviews, the pharmacy has missed opportunities to identify areas for further improvement.
- The pharmacy doesn't follow its own reporting procedures when managing dispensing mistakes. This hinders learning and increases the chance of a similar incident occurring.

Standard 4.3

• The pharmacy doesn't make checks to ensure weight loss medicines requiring cold storage are appropriately packaged and are delivered in a timely manner to ensure they remain safe for people to use.

Standards that were met with areas for improvement

Standard 1.1

• The pharmacy has a range of risk assessments to support it in delivering its services. But some risk assessments do not consider the risk of how often people should be treated, or the maximum quantity of medicine to be supplied during an episode of care. This is needed to help the pharmacy identify what measures need to be put in place and kept under review to keep the services safe.

Standard 3.1

• Overall, the pharmacy's website is professional and provides supportive information to people accessing services at a distance. But it does not display details of the pharmacy's own prescribers or information about the third party prescribing service providing its vitamin B12 consultations to support people in making an informed choice about their care provider.

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	Met	Area for improvement
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	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 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
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.