Annual Report and Financial Statements

2025 - 2026

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Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC

Officers

Chair: Ashley Littlewood-Miller

Vice Chair: Arun Sharma

Treasurer: Peter Woodward

Chief Officers: Alison Freemantle & Artur Pysz

The Committee shall be the "Hampshire & Isle of Wight Local Pharmaceutical Committee" (as required by the NHS Act 2006) and [known as 'Community Pharmacy Hampshire & Isle of Wight]'

Welcome & Overview

Ashley Littlewood-Miller

Chair

I write this report on the cusp of my 9th year as a committee member and my 8th year as Chair of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC, I continue to reflect on the immense pressures faced by our sector—and the resilience shown by our pharmacy contractors in the face of them.

Community Pharmacy Hampshire & Isle of Wight

I am pleased to present this year's Chair's Report, reflecting a period of significant development for community pharmacy across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The sector has continued to demonstrate its essential contribution to local health and care delivery, while adapting to national policy changes and increasing clinical expectations.

Strategic Context

Community pharmacy has operated within a rapidly evolving environment shaped by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board's ongoing integration work and national priorities set out in the Primary Care Access Recovery Plan. These developments have reinforced the role of pharmacy as a key access point for timely, community-based care and have strengthened alignment across primary care partners.

Service Delivery and Performance

The implementation and expansion of Pharmacy First has been the most significant achievement of the year. Contractor participation is near universal, and activity levels continue to rise steadily. Pharmacies are now routinely managing a defined range of minor conditions, providing same day consultations and reducing demand on general practice and urgent care services.

Alongside this, pharmacies have continued to deliver core and enhanced services, including blood pressure checks, contraception consultations, and structured support for medicines use. Medicines optimisation work across the system has remained robust, with improved communication pathways, consistent dissemination of safety information, and strengthened collaboration with acute and community teams.

Partnership and Integration

Collaboration across primary care has deepened, supported by the introduction of PCN pharmacy engagement leads. This role has improved communication between pharmacies and general practice, supported the implementation of referral pathways, and contributed to more consistent integration of pharmacy within multidisciplinary teams.

Workforce and Operational Considerations

Workforce pressures and increasing clinical demand continue to present challenges. Despite this, the sector has shown resilience and commitment to service delivery. Continued investment in workforce development, digital infrastructure, and cross sector collaboration will be essential to sustaining progress.

Looking Ahead

The year ahead presents opportunities to build on the strong foundations established. Priorities include further embedding Pharmacy First, expanding the clinical contribution of community pharmacy, and strengthening digital and operational integration across the system. Community pharmacy is well positioned to play an increasingly central role in supporting access, prevention, and long-term condition management.

Conclusion

Community pharmacy in Hampshire & Isle of Wight has delivered a year of meaningful progress and measurable impact. I extend my thanks to all contractors, teams, and partners for their continued dedication. Together, we remain committed to improving patient access, enhancing system resilience, and delivering high quality care to our communities.

Warm regards,

Ashley Littlewood-Miller

Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC

Community Pharmacy Hampshire & Isle of Wight (CPHIOW) Annual Report

Reporting period: 2025–26

Alison Freemantle & Artur Pysz

Chief Officers

Executive Summary

During 2025–26, Community Pharmacy Hampshire & Isle of Wight (CPHIOW) focused on strengthening community pharmacy's contribution to primary care, urgent care and population health. In a period of continued system change and financial pressure, community pharmacies delivered high volumes of clinical services, expanded access to care, and increased their visibility and influence across local health and care systems.

The year saw sustained growth in nationally commissioned services such as Pharmacy First, contraception and vaccination programmes, alongside progress in workforce development, particularly independent prescribing capability. At the same time, the LPC worked proactively to support the network through operational pressures, service commissioning changes, and emerging risks linked to digital access and patient direction.

By the end of the year, community pharmacy is more embedded in system conversations, more visible within neighbourhood-level delivery models, and better positioned to support future reforms—though challenges around funding, service utilisation and system integration remain.

Key Achievements

Expanding Access to Clinical Care

Community pharmacies have delivered consistently high levels of NHS clinical activity throughout the year, reinforcing their role as accessible first-contact providers. Pharmacy First consultations remained strong, with more pharmacies achieving fixed payments. The Contraception service continued to grow, with consultation volumes exceeding 3,500 per month, expanding patient choice and reducing pressure on general practice. The introduction of EHC to the national service in October has been embedded into practice and has been well received by patients.

The delivery of flu and covid vaccinations through pharmacies continued to provide a significant share across the system, supporting patients access protection.

Collectively, these services improved access for patients and demonstrated the capacity of community pharmacy to deliver at scale.

Strengthening Workforce Capability
A major focus for the year was building long-term clinical capacity. All planned Independent Prescribing training places were filled, supported by the development of a growing pool of Designated Prescribing Practitioners in collaboration with the ICB. For the first time, prescribing capability was mapped across localities, providing a clearer picture of gaps and future needs. Investment in training extended beyond prescribing, with Pharmacy Technicians progressing through apprenticeship routes and targeted clinical workshops delivered to support service delivery.

Supporting Network Resilience
Throughout the year, CPHIOW has provided support to pharmacies navigating financial pressures and commissioning changes. This included supporting pharmacies affected by crime, medicines supply difficulties, securing service fee uplifts and delayed or disputed payments, and escalating risks to commissioners where pharmacies faced destabilisation.

Embedding Community Pharmacy across the System
CPHIOW has strengthened pharmacy's influence across local and regional forums, including Integrated Care Boards, Primary Care Collaboratives and neighbourhood development groups. Engagement with MPs increased, ensuring pharmacy pressures and opportunities were raised at a national level. This engagement, focused on improving service utilisation and ensuring community pharmacy is recognised as part of the solution to access going forward.

Key Challenges
Despite strong overall activity, uptake of some services remained uneven across the geography. Rising operational costs, workforce pressures and delayed payments places ongoing strain on pharmacies. A small number of contractors reported serious financial risk, underlining the fragility of parts of the network and the importance of fair funding and timely commissioning decisions.

Priorities for the Coming Year
Continued support for the integration of community pharmacy into Integrated Neighbourhood Teams and place-based delivery models will ensure pharmacies are recognised as core partners in primary and preventative care.

Ongoing work with system partners to improve service utilisation and referral quality to help address under-referral and variation to maximise the value of existing pharmacy services.

Expanding the prescribing capability of the workforce, strengthening Pharmacy Technician roles, and secure longer-term funding will help to ensure pharmacy teams can meet future service demands.

In a challenging environment, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Pharmacies have continued to demonstrate resilience, adaptability and impact. With strong foundations now in place—clinically, operationally and strategically—the coming year offers an opportunity to embed further within neighbourhood care, strengthen sustainability, and further improve outcomes for patients and communities.

This report reflects a year of progress, partnership, and purpose. CPHIOW remains committed to supporting and advocating for our contractors, expanding clinical services, and ensuring community pharmacy continues to deliver outstanding care across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. We look forward to building on these successes in the coming years and continuing to support our contractors in delivering high-quality, patient-centered care.

Thank you to Ranjit, the committee, our contractors and all our stakeholders for their continued support and collaboration.

Many thanks
Alison and Artur

Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC

Governance, structure and management 2025/26

Responsibilities of Committee Members

Committee Member	Responsibility
Anjlee Shah	Rotational Governance Subcommittee Chair
Arun Sharma	Vice Chair
Ashley Littlewood-Miller	Chair
Gary Warner	Independent
Jennifer Ndichu	Market Entry Subcommittee Chair & Rotational Governance Subcommittee Chair
Karen Alexander	Rotational Governance Subcommittee Chair
Michael McWhirter	Service Development Subcommittee Chair
Peter Woodward	Treasurer & Finance Subcommittee Chair

Members of the Committee & Expenses in 2025/26

Committee Member	Elected / Appointed	Attendance / Possible	Expenses Claimed†
Anjlee Shah	Independent	6/6	£1288.30
Arun Sharma	Independent	4/6	£2045.75
Ashley Littlewood-Miller	CCA Appointment	5/6	£2740.84
Daniela Lupeanu	CCA Appointment	5/6	£1089.95
David Howells	IPA Representative	6/6	£1116.45
Gary Warner	Independent	4/6	£187.50

Jennifer Ndichu	IPA Representative	4/6	£748.30
Julie Fanneran	CCA Appointment	5/6	£0
Karen Alexander	CCA Appointment	6/6	£500.00
Michael McWhirter	Independent	6/6	£2136.00
Peter Woodward	CCA Appointment	6/6	£2363.10

Committee Meetings in 2025/26

Date	Meeting Type
15 May 2025	Face to face – Voco Hotel, Winchester
10 July 2025	Virtual Meeting
11 Sep 2025	Virtual Meeting
13 Nov 2025	Virtual Meeting
15 Jan 2026	Virtual Meeting
12 Mar 2026	Virtual Meeting

Governance Documentation

Community Pharmacy HIOW: Constitution, Governance & Annual Reports (cpsc.org.uk)

Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC

Report of the Committee Members

Year ended 31 March 2026

Principal Activities

Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC is a Local Pharmaceutical Committee ("LPC") acting in the role of a local NHS representative organisations.

Our goal is:

Community Pharmacy HIOW :: What we do (cpsc.org.uk)

The Committee

Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC is an association whose functions and procedures are set out in our Constitution [and rules].

During the year ended 31 March 2026 Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC had 11 members on its main committee as follows:

Committee Member	Elected / Appointed
Anjlee Shah	Independent
Arun Sharma	Independent
Ashley Littlewood-Miller	CCA Appointment
Daniela Lupeanu	CCA Appointment
David Howells	IPA Representative
Gary Warner	Independent
Jennifer Ndichu	IPA Representative
Julie Fanneran	CCA Appointment
Karen Alexander	CCA Appointment
Michael McWhirter	Independent
Peter Woodward	CCA Appointment

4 members from Independents

5 members from CCA

2 members from IPA

Full details of these members can be found on Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC website **Https:// (cpsc.org.uk)/**

All members have continued to adhere to corporate governance principles adopted by the Committee and the code of conduct.

This report was approved by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC on 17th July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Ashley Littlewood-Miller

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Chair of the Committee

Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC

Statement of Committee Members' Responsibilities

Year ended 31 March 2026

The committee members are responsible for preparing the Report of the Committee Members and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The committee members are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The committee members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The committee members must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the committee for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the committee members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the committee will continue in operation.

The committee members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the committee's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the committee. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the committee and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The committee members are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included on the committee website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The committee members confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the committee's auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as committee members in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the committee's auditors are aware of that information.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2026

Accounting Policies

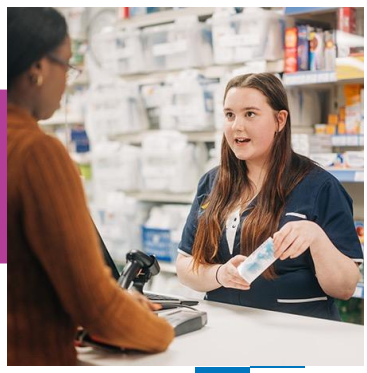
With the exception of some disclosures, the financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 Section 1A and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency and monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £. The financial statements present information about the committee as a single entity. The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Income and Expenditure

Both income and expenditure are accounted for on the accruals basis. The primary source of income shown in the financial statements consists of levies from NHSBA Contractors in respect of that period.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the amount reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.



Depreciation

Depreciation is recognised as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computer equipment	33.33% Reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to the profit and loss account.

Taxation

Any surplus arising from the activities of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC on its non-mutual activities is subject to corporation at 19%.

Pension Costs

The amounts paid during the year are charged to the income and expenditure account. Details are shown in note 3 of these accounts.

Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets. A provision is made for any impairment loss and taken to the profit and loss account.

Notes to the Financial Statements Cont.

Year ended 31 March 2026

Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial Instruments

The committee only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like other debtors and creditors. Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

Investments

Investments are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently shown at market value with any changes being reflected in the Income and Expenditure account. Investments are treated as fixed assets as it is the intention of the committee to hold these as long-term assets.

Debtors and creditors

Basic financial assets and liabilities, including trade debtors, other debtors and other creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Such assets and liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Going concern

The committee members consider that there are no material uncertainties about the committee's ability to continue as a going concern. In forming their opinion, the committee members have considered a period of one year from the date of signing the financial statements.

Independent Report to the Committee

Members of Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC
Year ended 31 March 2026

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Constitution, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of The Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC for the year ended 31 March 2026 set out on pages 4 to 8 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to us.

As a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements.

This report is made solely to the Committee of The Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of The Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Committee of The Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC as a body. In the report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF as detailed at icaew.com. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC and its Committee as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that The Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and loss of The Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC.

Responsibilities of members

As explained more fully in the Statement of Committee members' responsibilities set out, the members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of The Hampshire & Isle of Wight LPC. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

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