



Annual Report and Financial Statements

2025-2026



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Foreword from the Chair

Nishil Shah

As we reflect on the past year, I would like to thank all our committee members and pharmacy contractors for their continued commitment, professionalism, and resilience in supporting patients and communities.

Throughout the year, the CP BLMK Northants committee and team have continued to represent the interests of community pharmacy contractors at both local and national levels. We have made regular representations to Community Pharmacy England, consistently highlighting the significant challenges facing contractors, particularly the ongoing pressures arising from inadequate funding and the reimbursement of loss-making prescription medicines. These issues continue to place considerable financial strain on community pharmacies, and we have ensured that the experiences of our contractors have been clearly communicated.

During the Autumn COVID-19 vaccination programme, we also raised serious concerns regarding the impact of failures within the national booking system. Unfortunately, these errors resulted in pharmacy teams experiencing unacceptable levels of frustration and abuse from members of the public. We made representations to ensure these issues were recognised and to advocate for better support and communication for frontline pharmacy teams.

Locally, we engaged with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to request additional funding for the delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations to housebound patients. While our request was ultimately unsuccessful, we believed it was important to make the case for fair recognition of the additional time, travel, and resources required to provide this valuable service.

Despite the ongoing challenges, community pharmacy teams have continued to deliver high-quality care and essential services to their patients.

I would like to thank everyone for their dedication throughout the year and for the continued support of the Local Pharmaceutical Committee. We remain committed to representing the interests of our contractors and advocating for the sustainable future that community pharmacy deserves.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Nishil Shah
Chair, CP BLMK-Northants



BLMK & Northamptonshire LPC

Committee

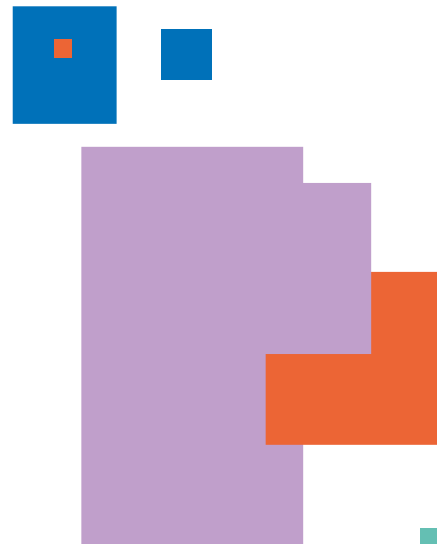
Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northamptonshire is the local voice for all community pharmacies across the geography advocating for their role in healthcare. This includes single handed independent pharmacies and those owned by bigger chains. As a statutory body, the NHS and local government consult Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northamptonshire on all matters relating to the NHS and public health work undertaken by community pharmacy in the area. We are also responsible for advancing the enhanced role of community pharmacy to ensure it plays an active part in promoting health and wellbeing across BLMK & Northamptonshire. The Committee consists of 11 dedicated representatives volunteering their time. Many have been involved with the committee for several years and all are passionate ambassadors championing the profession.

Our representatives are from different backgrounds and locations thus ensuring a broad and detailed understanding of our whole area. Attendance at committee meetings is shown in the table. There were six committee meetings in this accounting period. These meetings are held in person at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick. Please let us know in advance if you would like to attend, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Independents (five places)	Nishil Shah (Chair) 6/6 Mahesh Shah (Vice Chair) 4/6 Viren Bhatia 2/6 (Resigned January 2026) Rishi Hindocha 5/6 Amit Lakhani 6/6 Nabeel Amirudin 0/6 (started 31 March 2026)
Company Chemist's Association (CCA) (three places)	Tahera Dewji 3/6 Lakhminder Flora 4/6 Gordon Ross 4/6
Independent Pharmacies Association (IPA) (three places)	Has Modi 5/6 Mohammed Salloo 2/6 Conor Steele 5/6

Our Treasurer, Paul Fearon, is a non-voting member. Paul possesses a combination of financial acumen and his attention to detail is second to none. He attended all six of our committee meetings to present the financial reports.

More information about the committee can be found on our website Blmk-N.communitypharmacy.org.uk.



Annual Chief Officer's Report

Chief Officer, Anne-Marie King

Introduction

It has been a year of significant transition for community pharmacy, marked by the introduction of the new CPCF arrangements, the continued embedding of Pharmacy First, and ongoing pressures on workforce, workload and financial resilience. Against this backdrop, our LPC has continued to advocate strongly for contractors, support service delivery, and maintain constructive relationships with system partners across BLMK and Northamptonshire.

This report summarises the key areas of activity, progress and challenge over the past 12 months.

Strategic and System Engagement:

Integrated Care Boards (ICBs)

Engagement with both BLMK and Northamptonshire ICBs has remained a priority. Despite ongoing structural uncertainty within the newly clustered ICB arrangements, we have maintained regular dialogue with senior leaders including Chief Pharmacists, Primary Care Directors and Transformation Managers. Key themes have included:

- Implementation of the new CPCF and its implications for local commissioning
- Ensuring community pharmacy is represented in system-wide planning
- Highlighting contractor pressures, particularly around workload, aggression and safety
- Supporting the development of local pathways aligned to national priorities

We continue to monitor the impact of ICB restructuring on pharmacy leadership capacity and will update contractors as roles are confirmed.

Primary Care Networks (PCNs)

We have strengthened relationships with PCN clinical directors, particularly around Pharmacy First, AMS, and urgent referral pathways. Issues raised by GPs — such as concerns around BP referrals and pathway adherence — have been addressed promptly and collaboratively. Conor Steele has represented community pharmacy on the Alliance MK group.

Local Services

The Services Engagement Team have worked hard to lock in stronger contracts with our Drugs & Alcohol teams and launch new services with Public Health. The team has spent many hours negotiating with providers and public health to update SLA's and contract terms that have been neglected or overlooked for some time. This includes substance misuse providers such as Turning Point, CGL, ARC and ELFT. Ann-Marie, Ingrid and Rita have managed to obtain guarantees of annual reviews and regular catchups therefore preventing the previous situation of contracts being in place for 8-10 years with no review arising again.

Regular contact with Public Health stakeholders is raising the profile of community pharmacy and giving them options on where to consider commissioning a new service from.

Relationships with all these stakeholders have improved immensely.

Relationships

Over the past year, our LPC has significantly deepened its working relationships with both the National Pharmacy Association (NPA) and Community Pharmacy England (CPE). This strengthened collaboration has delivered tangible benefits for contractors across BLMK and Northamptonshire and has ensured that local voices are heard clearly at national level.

Perhaps most importantly, our LPC's strengthened relationship with NPA and CPE contributes to a single, coherent voice for the profession. This unity is essential when:

- Challenging commissioning decisions
- Influencing NHS policy
- Advocating for fair funding
- Protecting contractor interests

Contractors benefit from a more powerful, coordinated national presence that reflects local realities.

Joint working has enabled:

- Shared briefings
- Aligned guidance
- Consistent messaging on national and local issues
- Reduced duplication of communications
- Facilitating training events

Contractors benefit from clearer, more concise information that is easier to act on.

Contractual Support and Quality Schemes

Gateway PQS and End-of-Life (EoL) Requirements

We have worked closely with system partners to support contractors in meeting the new gateway criteria. This has included:

- Liaison with Dom Care NN to map gaps in EoL provision and advocating for a uniform approach across the Midlands
- Engagement with DHU regarding access to parenteral Haloperidol
- Providing guidance on the 16-medicine EoL formulary
- Sharing service specifications and signposting where stock is unavailable
- Supported two ICB-led campaigns across BLMK – Hypertension (Know Your Numbers) and Smoking Cessation (Stoptober) – aligned with national priorities. Hypertension campaign engaged 1,482 patients with 334 GP referrals, highlighting pharmacies' role in early cardiovascular risk detection. 95% of pharmacy teams showed high confidence and 86% found campaign materials useful for patient engagement.

BLMK contractors supported 319 smokers with 68% positive engagement, showing pharmacy accessibility as key intervention point.

NHS Northamptonshire ICB chose Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness (AMR) as their first local campaign of the year. During World AMR Awareness Week in November, contractors selected

activities to promote good antibiotic stewardship. Northamptonshire's second campaign coincided with the National PF Campaign running from 2nd February – 22nd February 2026.

Essential Services Monitoring

Concerns raised regarding DOOP collections and potential non-compliance have been escalated appropriately. We have worked with East Midlands and East of England contracting teams to support monitoring and ensure fairness and consistency across the patch.

Pharmacy First (PF) and Clinical Services

Service Performance and Data

We have continued to monitor PF activity closely. **Highlights** include:

- 6 out of 7 PF pathways showed a reduction in antibiotic use, demonstrating strong AMS stewardship
- Evidence of significant GP time saved, with examples such as 35 sessions equating to over £16k in system value
- Monthly activity for patients registered with BLMK practices rose from 8,339 consultations in November 2024 to 12,715 in April 2026-a 52% increase across Pharmacy First, hypertension case-finding and pharmacy contraception.
- Monthly activity for patients registered with Northamptonshire practices rose 27.4% between January 2025 and February 2026 across Pharmacy First referrals.
- Maximising potential with the [Pharmacy First Service Resources](#) by producing practical support packs to help pharmacy teams identify patients recognise gateway thresholds and support safe referral into pharmacist consultations.
- Working Together to build stronger bridges between pharmacy teams and local GP practices by creating the [GP Engagement Toolkit](#).
- To coincide with the national Pharmacy First campaign running in February 2026, NHS Northamptonshire ICB and BLMK-N LPC collaborated to arrange additional advertising to support and increase awareness of the campaign. Several roadside boards advertising Pharmacy First were on display in and around Northampton. Buses around Northamptonshire will have Pharmacy First conditions displayed on their rear and local groups will be made aware of the service with local and national digital assets being provided to them for them to share at their setting.
- Recorded **PF** consultations over the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, rose 33% from 127,318 to 169,302, with the busiest month in March.
- Recorded Activity for **NMS** in BLMK and Northamptonshire rose from 161,056 to 363,519 consultations between 1st April 2025 and March 31st 2026

Service activity 2025/26

Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northamptonshire · 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026

Community pharmacies across BLMK and Northamptonshire delivered more of almost every NHS service in 2025/26 than in the year before. The chart below shows monthly activity for each service, with the previous year shown in grey behind.

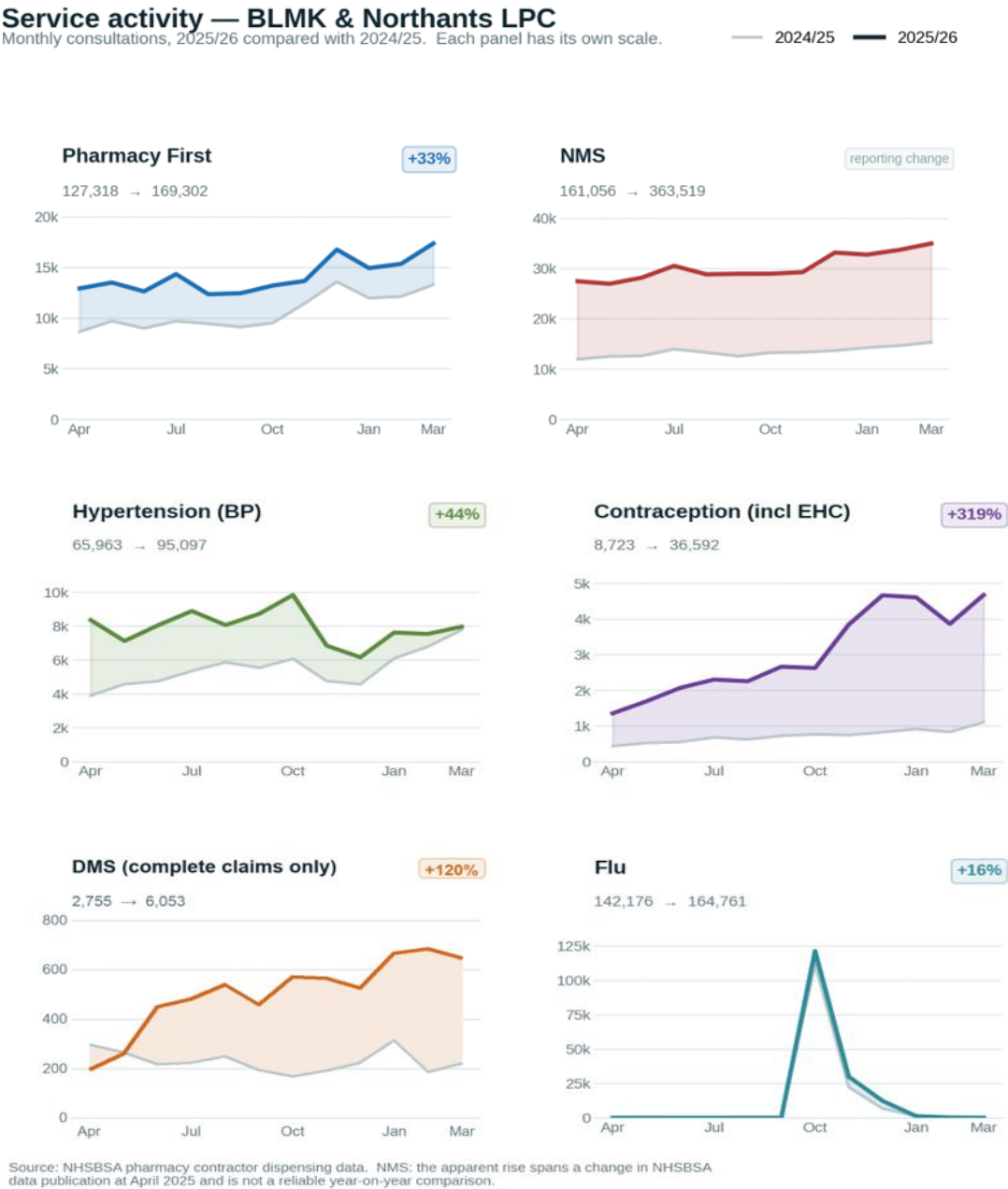


Figure 1: Monthly service activity, 2025/26 compared with 2024/25. Source: NHSBSA.

Notes: Activity is based on pharmacy location, not patient GP registration. DMS figures show completed claims only; NMS comparisons are affected by an NHSBSA reporting change from April 2025.

Training and events

We have supported shared learning; trouble shoot issues and encourage consistent pathway use.

- **May 2025**, we hosted a joint webinar with Hertfordshire LPC and Dr Rebecca Asquith, on the Pharmacy Contraception Service, sharing practical steps to help build confidence with initiation and supply.
- In **September 2025** we held a Red Flag Training webinar with Dr Ian Hill-Smith and Dr Gina Johnson to help identify red flag symptoms.
- In **September 2025** we hosted a successful “Connect, Collaborate & Converse” evening at the Rufus Centre, bringing together more than 30 contractors alongside colleagues from the ICB, Public Health, CGL and CPPE. 50 people signed up for the event and 38 attended. Of the 26 attendees offering feedback, 54% of attendees said the event was “good” and 46% said that it was “excellent.” The event provided a valuable opportunity for collaboration, connection, and conversation between our contractors, stakeholders, and committee.
- In **January 2026** we held PQS drop-in sessions to help you achieve the PQS domains and earn the income available.
- In **March 2026** - 21 pharmacists attended a face-to-face Acute Otitis Media Interactive Otoscopy Refresher Workshop training event facilitated by Lupin Healthcare.

CPEL PCN BLMK

The Central East ICB formally acknowledged the significant contribution of our Community Pharmacy / PCN Engagement Leads. This highlights how their leadership strengthened relationships between community pharmacy, general practice and PCNs across BLMK, increased the visibility of pharmacy as a key primary care provider, and supported better understanding and uptake of services such as Pharmacy First, hypertension case-finding and contraception. It notes that over 264,587 consultations have been delivered since February 2024, demonstrating care closer to home for residents.

The ICB emphasised that the relationships built through this work form an important foundation for future integration and thanked leads for their professionalism, influence and commitment to improving access and patient care.

In July 2025, Paras Maroo and Athif Arif joined an LPC meeting to share how successful it was having pharmacists aligned to PCNs

Workforce, Safety and Professional Development

Independent Prescribing (IP)

The IP Pathfinder programme officially ended on 31st March 2026. We have continued to support pharmacists seeking IP training, including:

- Signposting to DPP matching for example in East of England via Teach and Treat
- Liaising with system leads regarding future DPP funding and pushing for an expansion of the funding which enabled DPP matching in 2023/24
- Ensuring contractors are aware of opportunities as they arise for example 2 learners in BLMK placed with a DPP and are currently completing their IP course

The evaluation of the three IP Pathfinder sites in Northamptonshire shows clear, measurable success:

- 1,176 consultations delivered in the first year

- 97% of patients would recommend the service
- “The overall rating of the pathfinder services is an impressive 4.97 out of 5.”
- 74% of patients would otherwise have gone to their GP
- “74% of patients would have gone to see their GP if the pathfinder services were not available.”

This gives powerful evidence to argue that IP in community pharmacy reduces GP workload, improves access, delivers high patient satisfaction and is safe and clinically robust.

There were four IP Pathfinder sites in BLMK who shared their insights at an ICB event in January.

Safety and Crime Prevention

Following concerns raised about aggression and threats in pharmacies, we have engaged with:

- Northamptonshire Police
- The Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership
- The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner’s Office

We have shared resources, reporting pathways and support tools with contractors to help improve staff safety.

Governance and LPC Operations

Decision-Making and Event Planning

The LPC has continued to operate within agreed governance frameworks. Where decisions have required Executive approval — such as event viability thresholds — we have ensured transparency, collective agreement and adherence to established criteria.

Market Entry

We have maintained oversight of market entry applications and have requested updated metrics from NHSE for the 2025–26 period to ensure our records remain aligned.

Table 1 BLMK – April 2025- March 2026

Description	Number of Applications	Outcome			
		Granted	Refused	Withdrawn	Pending
Change of Ownership	9	7		2	
COSICOD	0				
Consolidation	0				
Current Need	0				
DSP	3		2		1
Future Improvement or Better Access	2		1		1
No Significant Change Relocation	0				
Unforeseen Benefit	1		1		
Temp Amendment to PL	0				
RAOC - Relocation after outline consent	1				1
Total	16				

Table 2 Northamptonshire – April 2025 – March 2026

Description	Number of Applications	Outcome			
		Granted	Refused	Withdrawn	Pending
Change of Ownership	11	10		1	0
COSICOD	7	7			
Consolidation	0	0			
Current Need	0	0			
DSP	1	1			
Future Improvement or Better Access	1	1			
No Significant Change Relocation	1	1			
Unforeseen Benefit	1		1		
Temp Amendment to PL	0				
RAOC - Relocation after outline consent	0				
Total	22				

Communications and Contractor Support

We have continued to strengthen our communication channels, including:

- Regular newsletters
- Direct email updates
- Website resources
- Targeted support for contractors experiencing operational or contractual issues
- Administration/monitoring for WhatsApp groups

We have also responded to individual contractor concerns, including nomination disputes, DOOP issues, and pathway queries. Over the past year, the Chief Officer has strengthened political engagement on behalf of community pharmacy by meeting with MPs in community pharmacies. This engagement focused on highlighting the pressures facing contractors, the financial instability of the sector, and the essential role community pharmacy plays in access, prevention and urgent care. The discussions provided an opportunity to showcase the contribution of pharmacies across BLMK and Northamptonshire, reinforce the need for sustainable funding, and ensure that national policymakers remain aware of the challenges and opportunities within the sector. Follow-up communications, including coordinated social media and public-facing updates, helped amplify the pharmacy voice and maintain visibility at a national level.

Looking Ahead

This year marked a period of significant organisational change as the ICBs moved into a new clustered operating model. We would like to formally recognise and thank our outgoing ICB colleagues for their valued contribution, leadership and support to community pharmacy throughout this transition. Their commitment to collaborative working, neighbourhood development and strengthening pharmacy's role within primary care has been deeply appreciated by the LPC.

As the clustering arrangements have progressed, we have further strengthened our collaboration with neighbouring systems, including Leicestershire & Rutland (LLR), Hertfordshire, and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. These relationships have enabled greater alignment on pharmacy priorities, shared

learning across system boundaries, and improved coordination on service development and operational issues. Working more closely with these ICBs has enhanced our collective ability to support contractors, reduce variation, and ensure community pharmacy remains an integral part of wider system planning.

We extend our sincere thanks to all colleagues involved in this work and look forward to continuing to build strong, effective partnerships across the clustered footprint.

Our focus will remain on:

- Advocating for contractors
- Ensuring community pharmacy is recognised as a core part of primary care
- Supporting service delivery and quality
- Strengthening relationships with system partners
- Providing clear, timely and practical guidance

Conclusion

Despite a challenging and uncertain environment, community pharmacies across BLMK and Northamptonshire have continued to deliver high-quality care, adapt to new demands, and demonstrate resilience. I would like to thank all contractors, LPC members and system partners for their collaboration and commitment throughout the year. You have helped demonstrate what is possible when all primary care providers work together.

I look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead.

Anne-Marie King

Chief Officer
Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northamptonshire

BLMK & Northants LPC

Financial Report for the Accounts for the 12 months ended 31st March 2026.

The Accounts for BLMK & Northants LPC are produced on an 'accruals basis'. BLMK & Northants LPC was formed on the 1st July 2023 following the merger of Bedfordshire LPC and Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes LPC.

Receipts for the period were £330,000 against expenditure of £319,784 resulting in a surplus of £17,169. The Bank Balance on 31st March 2026 was £210,290 of which £44,014 was held in a current account, £102,474 in a 95-day Deposit Account and £63,802 in a 32-day deposit account.

The only assets belonging to BLMK & Northants LPC are its current assets being the cash held in these three bank accounts.

A further £172,815 was held in trust in an Instant Access Account. These are External Funds which belong to other Stakeholders and are not included in the assets of the LPC. Memoranda of Understanding have been agreed with each of these External Stakeholders including an agreement to transfer the interest which is earned on the account to the current account of the LPC as a management fee.

All these bank accounts are held with Lloyds Bank plc.

Receipts

The LPC collects its statutory levy from contractors by a fixed monthly sum. The total collected in the period was £330,000.

BLMK & Northants LPC benefits from an advantageous banking facility with Lloyds Bank plc arranged through the auspices of Community Pharmacy England (CPE) so that the bank charges incurred for the period were £102. Total interest of £5,503 was received from interest accrued from the 95-day and 32-day notice account(s) and the interest transferred from the Instant Access Account by agreement with the External Stakeholders

Expenditure

Wages and Salaries were £82,468 for the period; Establishment Expenses were £1,190; The General Administrative Expenses were £158,901 and the Legal and Professional Expenses were £2,267. £74,070 was invested in providing support for the Pharmacy Contractors in the area covered by CP BLMK & Northants. The levy paid to Community Pharmacy England was £127,423 and is paid by monthly standing order.

Conclusion

The surplus for the year was £17,169 and the total funds held being the members reserves were £210,290.

Paul Fearon

Treasurer – BLMK & Northants LPC

May 2026



BLMK & Northamptonshire LPC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



BLMK & Northants LPC

Report and financial statements

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BLMK & Northants LPC
LPC Information
Committee Members

Independent Representatives

Nishil Shah - Chair and Independent LPC Member (Retrolink Ltd)
Mahesh Shah - Vice Chair and Independent LPC Member (Sampson AP Ltd)
Viren Bhatia - Vice Chair, Independent LPC Member (Kalki Health Ltd) - resigned January 2026
Nabeel Amirudin - Independent LPC Member (Regent Pharmacy) - appointed March 2026
Rishi Hindocha - Independent LPC Member (Pharmacy Cherry)
Amit Lakhani - Independent LPC Member (Bishopscote Chemist Luton Ltd)

Independent Pharmacies Association (IPA)

Has Modi - LPC Member, IPA representative (Jardines - UK Ltd)
Conor Steele - LPC Member, IPA representative (Jardines - UK Ltd)
Mohammed Salloo - LPC Member, IPA representative (Peak Pharmacy Ltd)

Company Chemists Association Representatives (CCA)

Lakhminder Flora - LPC Member, CCA representative (Boots)
Gordon Ross - LPC Member, CCA representative (Boots)
Tahera Dewji - LPC Member, CCA representative (Superdrug)

Chair of the Committee

Nishil Shah

Chief Officer

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BLMK & Northants LPC Committee Members' Report

The Committee Members present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Principal activities

BLMK & Northants LPC is a Local Pharmaceutical Committee ("LPC") acting in the role of a local NHS representative organisation.

Committee Members

BLMK & Northants LPC is an association whose functions and procedures are set out in our Constitution. The following persons served as Committee Members during the year.

Nishil Shah

Mahesh Shah

Viren Bhatia

Nabeel Amirudin

Rishi Hindocha

Amit Lakhani

Has Modi

Conor Steele

Mohammed Salloo

Lakhminder Flora

Gordon Ross

Tahera Dweji

Full details of these members can be found on BLMK & Northants LPC website <https://blmk-n.communitypharmacy.org.uk>.

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

Overview

The activity of the LPC has been detailed in a separate annual report, to be presented at the AGM.

This report was approved by the board of committee members on **13 May 2026** and signed on its behalf.



Nishil Shah
Chair of the Committee

BLMK & Northants LPC
Statement of Committee Members' Responsibilities
for the 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 "LPC" and of the surplus or deficit of the committee for that period.

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

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) 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.

Independent Chartered Certified Accountants' review report to the Committee members of BLMK & Northants LPC

We have reviewed the accounts of BLMK & Northants LPC for the year ended 31 March 2026, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in General Fund and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Committee Members' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

As explained more fully in the Responsibilities Statement, the Committee members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Accountants' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion based on our review of the accounts. We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2400 (Revised), Engagements to review historical financial statements. ISRE 2400 (Revised) requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. This Standard also requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://rulebook.accaglobal.com/>

Scope of the assurance review

A review of financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2400 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We have performed additional procedures to those required under a compilation engagement. These primarily consist of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, applying analytical procedures and evaluating the evidence obtained. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accounts have not been prepared:

- so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Committee's affairs as at 31 March 2026, and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Committee's members, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our latest engagement letter. Our review has been undertaken so that we may state to the committee's members those matters we have agreed to state to them in a reviewer's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Committee and the Committee's members as a body for our work, for this report or the conclusions we have formed.

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BLMK & Northants LPC
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Income	330,000	330,000
Administrative expenses	(319,784)	(298,160)
Other operating income	2,417	705
Operating surplus	<u>12,633</u>	<u>32,545</u>
Interest receivable	5,503	5,890
Surplus before taxation	<u>18,136</u>	<u>38,435</u>
Tax on surplus	(967)	(1,119)
Surplus for the financial year	<u><u>17,169</u></u>	<u><u>37,316</u></u>

BLMK & Northants LPC

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		385,711	403,593
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	(175,421)	(210,472)
Net current assets		<u>210,290</u>	<u>193,121</u>
Net assets		<u><u>210,290</u></u>	<u><u>193,121</u></u>
Represented by:			
General Fund		210,290	193,121
		<u><u>210,290</u></u>	<u><u>193,121</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of committee members of Bedfordshire LPC and signed on its behalf by:



Nishil Shah
Chair of the Committee
Approved on13.5.26.....



Paul Fearon
Treasurer
Approved on13.5.26.....

BLMK & Northants LPC
Statement of Changes in General Fund
for the year ended 31 March 2026

		General Fund £	Total £
At 1 April 2024		155,805	155,805
Surplus for the financial year		37,316	37,316
At 31 March 2025		<u>193,121</u>	<u>193,121</u>
At 1 April 2025		193,121	193,121
Surplus for the financial year		17,169	17,169
At 31 March 2026		<u>210,290</u>	<u>210,290</u>

BLMK & Northants LPC
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

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

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.

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2026

2	Employees	2026	2025
	Staff costs consist of:		
	Wages and salaries	<u>82,468</u>	<u>82,400</u>
		Number	Number
	Average number of persons employed by the LPC	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	The highest paid employee salary is £62,000.		
3	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2026	2025
		£	£
	Trade creditors	1,560	1,560
	Taxation and social security costs	1,046	1,119
	Other creditors	<u>172,815</u>	<u>207,793</u>
		<u>175,421</u>	<u>210,472</u>

4 Previous LPC's

Previous LPC's were merged and the new LPC came into effect on 1 July 2023.

The accumulated funds from the LPC's were deposited in a separate bank account which held a balance at the year end of £172,815 (2025 - £207,793).

Included in other creditors are funds earmarked for certain projects and the balance of unexpended funds at the year end of £172,815 (2025 - £207,793).

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Detailed Income and Expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Income	330,000	330,000
Administrative expenses	(319,784)	(298,160)
Other operating income	2,417	705
Operating surplus	<u>12,633</u>	<u>32,545</u>
Interest receivable	5,503	5,890
Surplus before tax	<u><u>18,136</u></u>	<u><u>38,435</u></u>

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Detailed schedules of Income and Administrative expenses
for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Income		
Levies from NHSBSA Contractors	<u>330,000</u>	<u>330,000</u>
Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Staff Costs	82,468	82,400
Travel and subsistence	<u>888</u>	<u>698</u>
	<u>83,356</u>	<u>83,098</u>
Premises costs:		
Establishment costs	<u>1,190</u>	<u>2,564</u>
	<u>1,190</u>	<u>2,564</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Communication	1,348	1,178
Printing, postage, stationery, insurance and telephone	56	48
Levies and Licences	127,423	124,497
Meeting costs	28,042	21,426
Bank charges	102	17
Equipment expensed	899	-
Sundry expenses and deficit on external funds used	<u>1,031</u>	<u>901</u>
	<u>158,901</u>	<u>148,067</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Contractors support costs	74,070	62,871
Other legal and professional	<u>2,267</u>	<u>1,560</u>
	<u>76,337</u>	<u>64,431</u>
	<u>319,784</u>	<u>298,160</u>
Other operating income		
Grants and other income	<u>2,417</u>	<u>705</u>

Keep in touch

We currently use locality-based WhatsApp groups to share quick updates. Each locality group includes pharmacies, GP surgeries and ICB colleagues

If you would like to be added to your locality WhatsApp group, please send your name and locality to **Anne-Marie King on 07889 412690**.

During the year we produce fortnightly electronic newsletters which are emailed to pharmacy specific NHS mail addresses. The newsletter is circulated every other Monday and your feedback on the regularity and content is most welcome.

Our website is our digital storefront and an important portal where you can access crucial information.

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