

Southwark Community Pharmacy Leaders

Background

Community pharmacy is ideally positioned to reduce health inequalities and build capability to progress neighbourhood working within primary care.

Our Vision

Maximise the opportunities for collaborative working and facilitate better ways of working in the new world with a view to reduce health inequalities through an increased focus on prevention and early intervention.

Key Pharmacy relationships

Our key working relationships are with partners such as the GP Federations, Pharmacy Federations, Local Care Networks, Local Authority, Secondary care and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee.

Aims of the group

- Build capability across community pharmacy to deliver consistent and high quality services on a population health basis; working with primary care partners as appropriate
- Develop strong leadership within community pharmacy in order to maximise the opportunities for collaborative working and facilitate peer support linking in with GP Federations and Local Care Networks
- Create opportunities for shared expertise and more integrated service provision with a particular focus on self-management, prevention and early intervention through both
 - Greater collaboration between general practice and community pharmacy
 - Enabling community pharmacy to be active partners of Local Care Networks and engage in the design and delivery of the system wide approach to coordinated care.

Profile of the Southwark Pharmacy Leaders



Adenola Olayide *MRPharmS*

Adenola Olayide is an experienced and motivated pharmacist with a proven track record over the past 15 years in community and primary care practice.

I am the current chair of the Southwark Pharmacist Forum which offers peer support to enable development and facilitate better ways of working amongst community pharmacists. During the last 15 years I have been recognised for my passion and leadership skills amongst my peers in Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham. Currently a board member of the Lambeth Southwark & Lewisham Local Pharmaceutical Committee. I have represented community pharmacists by serving on different committees in various capacities at different levels. Adapt at understanding the changing climate in the NHS with a clear sense of outcomes needed for the reduction in health inequalities. I have worked with commissioners within the Southwark CCG and various GP practices on various projects (hypertension clinics, Minor Ailments scheme) giving me a better understanding of the challenges facing stakeholders.

Throughout my career, I have exhibited strong leadership within community pharmacy and thus maximised opportunities for collaborative working with various stakeholders. I am a pharmacist prescriber with a scope of practice in hypertension and cardiovascular risk assessments; serve in advisory and consultancy roles to pharmaceutical and market research companies with an understanding of clinical and business requirements in a changing NHS environment. I am currently leading an education and training programme for preregistration pharmacists, helping them to maximise their potential and serve as a mentor to some of them. I work as a teacher practitioner and preregistration tutor with a master's degree in pharmacy practice.



Fatai Popoola

Over 15 years of experience in pharmacy both clinically and commercially covering Pharmacy Operations, Project and Operations Management, Organisation re-design, Finance, and Healthcare Management in Primary Care.

I trained as a Community Pharmacist in South Southwark 15 years ago and have worked in different independent and Multiple pharmacies in this area ever since. I am therefore familiar with the

local population, their issues and the health inequalities. I am able to enthuse others and inspire a positive attitude to developing improved way of working, as demonstrated by effective implementation. I am an Independent prescriber and have great expertise in the management of long-term conditions such as Diabetes, Hypertension, Asthma and other respiratory conditions. I am keen on getting services commissioned in community pharmacies to help address some of the local population needs to improve access, patient outcomes and experience.



Atulkumar Patel BSc (Hons) PGDip IP MRPharmS

I came to England as a British Indian refugee in 1973, from Uganda when I was 13 years old. I attended Balham Boys School, and in my spare time trained as an Electrical appliance engineer apprentice. By the age of 16 I was proficient in repairing electrical appliances such as fridges, fridge-freezers, vacuum cleaners and other small household appliances like irons and kettles etc. I used this skill to support my family and also fund my university degree of Pharmacy, which I completed in Leicester, graduating in 1983.

I worked as a Locum Pharmacist for two years and alongside this, in partnership with my brother, I also ran a successful electrical repairs business called Electrocare in Tooting. I established my first company called Mildcare Limited in 1983, and opened my first Pharmacy practice in 1985 trading as Lincoln Pharmacy. I also have another pharmacy in Southwark which opened in 1998. I have always enjoyed and had an interest in flying planes and in my spare time I successfully qualified as a pilot in 1989. I served in the East London LPC and was part of the working group that introduced Flu Vaccination, EHC, Minor Ailments and Methadone Supervision services in Tower Hamlets

During my 33 years of practicing as a Pharmacist I have always been involved, in many ways, with developing and addressing ways to meet our patients' healthcare needs within our community; and have been aware of the need to always better our integrated approach to healthcare management. Since 2006 I have also been involved in "The St. Paul's Way Transformation Project", working closely with Lord Andrew Mawson and Partnerships, and was appointed director of a new social enterprise named St Paul's Way CIC which was founded in March 2012 (link below).

<http://amawsonpartnerships.com/help/st-pauls-way/index.html>

In recent years, the NHS has continually encouraged pharmacists to become part of an integrated primary care team. I have always dedicated time to my continuing professional development and I qualified as an independent prescriber in 2016. Given the opportunity I see this as the next step in my professional development, helping me to fulfil my company's, as well as my personal, mission statement: "*to serve my patients and community to the best of my ability, to ease the burden of their disease and improve the quality of their lives*".



Zahir Harunani

Following my training and qualifications as a pharmacist in India in 1999, I registered and worked as a pharmacist in Kenya, for a period of 3 years before moving to the UK.

Having successfully registered as a UK pharmacist in 2005, I have since practiced as a community pharmacist.

I have worked as a manager for an established independent pharmacy in Southwark for the last 8 years and have gained insight and experience on the particular needs of the local community.

I have been instrumental in introducing new and better services in the pharmacy for the benefit of the community and I continue to be eager in learning how to implement innovative services with a view to further improve pharmaceutical care in Southwark.