

Greater Manchester Local Pharmaceutical Committee (GMLPC) :

Who We Are and What We Do

What is a Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC)?

Under the [NHS Act 2006](#) , an LPC is a committee of pharmacy contractors recognised by NHS England as the statutory body representing the owners of community pharmacies in the area.

The area of an LPC is defined by one or more local authority boundaries which are specified in the [LPC Constitution](#). There is only one LPC in each area along with similar committees for doctors, dentists and opticians.

The constitution is approved by the contractors represented by the LPC, and accepted by NHS England as part of the LPC recognition process. LPCs can only act within the powers given by the constitution.

What is the role of an LPC?

1. Regulations under the NHS Act require NHS England to consult LPCs on matters such as market entry and local enhanced services, giving certain influential powers to LPCs.
2. The Act also provides that NHS England may deduct money (the LPC levy) from the remuneration of contractors represented by the LPC to defray the committees' administrative expenses.
3. The LPC constitution sets out the duties of the LPC that include representing their contractors in local and national consultations relevant to pharmacy contractors; making representations to NHS England, Health and Wellbeing
4. The LPC provides support, resources and guidance to pharmacy contractors and ensures committee business is carried out effectively and efficiently.
5. LPCs may also provide support to contractors on contract compliance and monitoring, market entry, local enhanced services, and where appropriate other locally commissioned services
6. Promote local pharmacy through local public relations and lobbying to create an environment for community pharmacy to flourish.

LPCs are therefore committees with statutory powers and are highly influential. They are leadership bodies representing, promoting and supporting the local community pharmacies they serve.

What is the role of an LPC member?

LPC members ensure that the role of the LPC is discharged effectively in accordance to the LPC constitution and governance. When making decisions at meetings, LPC members decide the best course of action to benefit contractors as a whole.

Greater Manchester LPC (GMLPC)

Greater Manchester LPC represents 596 local community pharmacies across the Greater Manchester footprint, including Bury, Glossop, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan.

Our vision: *To enable Community Pharmacy to improve health now and in the future*

Our values: *Innovative, Collaborative, Integrity, Excellent, Supportive*

The GMLPC committee is comprised of 11 members who meet regularly to discuss issues affecting community pharmacy contractors. The committee is the formal decision-making body and consists of representatives for independent pharmacies, the Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies (AIMp), and the Company Chemists' Association (CCA).



Many of the committee members are also Locality Leads for different boroughs across Greater Manchester, and work closely with the Office Team to ensure contractors' needs are accurately reflected and represented in wider decisions.

The Office Team is comprised of 7 members who support contractors by providing advice, guidance, and necessary information to ensure they deliver their services effectively and that their needs are met.

How We Support Contractors

Contractors can seek support from the LPC for a range of different topics, the most common of which include:

- ✓ Community Pharmacist Contractual Framework (CPCF) – advice and guidance
- ✓ GP CPCS – latest updates and guidance
- ✓ Locally commissioned services – latest information and updates
- ✓ The Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) – guidance, updates, and actions
- ✓ PCN Lead mentoring and further support
- ✓ Covid-19 vaccine guidance and advice including updates on staff vaccinations
- ✓ Promotion of local pharmacies and services via GMLPC social channels
- ✓ Minor Ailment Scheme (MAS) – latest updates and guidance
- ✓ Signposting to relevant training through partnership organisation GM Healthcare Academy
- ✓ Facilitating communication between pharmacies and wider Primary Care Networks (PCNs)
- ✓ Signposting to appropriate contacts or resources
- ✓ Pre-registration support
- ✓ Access to promotional materials
- ✓ Contracts and services – latest updates and guidance

- ✓ Safeguarding – guidance and signposting
- ✓ Contract compliance and monitoring – advice and guidance



Our website, newsletters and NHS shared mailbox are the LPC's key routes of communication. To adapt to the needs of contractors during the Covid-19 pandemic, we have also established WhatsApp as another key channel of communication with contractors. This is also a great means through which local pharmacies can communicate with each other, and receive fast responses from members of the LPC office team in relation to urgent concerns or issues.

Full bios on our committee members and office team can be found on our website [here](#).

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