

2025/26

Annual Report and Financial Statement



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**NORTH EAST CENTRAL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE
KNOWN AS COMMUNITY PHARMACY DURHAM & SUNDERLAND
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

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Chair's Foreword

Welcome to the 2025/26 annual report for Community Pharmacy Durham and Sunderland (CPDandS).

The second half of the year was dominated by the CPCF 2026/27 negotiations. Whilst this report relates to 2025/2026 it feels only right to highlight the recent negotiations outcome. Initial reactions to the newly announced deal were mixed though there is a sense of cautious optimism. Contractors recognise that while this agreement won't solve every financial challenge, it represents another step forward. Supported by LPCs like CPDandS, Community Pharmacy England (CPE) will continue to campaign for sustained, long-term investment in the sector.

Understanding the challenges you face, the CPDandS committee remains dedicated to directing our resources toward supporting you, our contractors. As part of this commitment, independent contractor and CPDandS member Jamie Rotherham continues to actively work as our services coach. In this role, he is driving efforts to elevate the profile of both pharmacy in general and the Pharmacy First initiative among pharmacies and general practices alike. To learn more about Jamie, his responsibilities, and how to get in touch with him, please visit the [CPDandS website](#).

Our committee operates with an active subgroup structure. Alongside our Executive team, dedicated groups for services, communications, finance and governance meet on a regular basis. These subgroups play a vital role in shaping our overall committee work. Crucially, they also ensure that we strictly align with both our [constitutional requirements](#) and the seven principles of public life ([the Nolan Principles](#)).



During 2025/26, **Community Pharmacy Durham and Sunderland (CPDandS)** hosted two highly successful training and engagement events for our pharmacy teams:

- **In May**, we were joined by colleagues from the **NHSBSA and NPA** for an interactive evening focused on minimizing prescription losses and maximizing pharmacy potential.
- **In September**, experts from the **Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Mental Health NHS Trust** led a vital discussion on the New Medicine Service (NMS), preparing teams for the expansion of the service to include depression.



At CPDandS, we want our events to be a genuine investment in your time—not just another meeting. To help us shape our **2026/27 training programme**, please take a moment to complete our [short survey](#). Your feedback ensures our events remain useful, accessible, and high value for everyone.

To ensure the challenges you face are heard, **CPDandS** has continued collaborating with regional colleagues to highlight key issues on both local and national stages. Through regular meetings, we have established strong, productive relationships with the **Integrated Care Board (ICB)**, finding them engaged and receptive to our perspective. Following the ICB's recent restructure and subsequent staff changes, we have proactively begun building relationships with incoming team members. Early indications are positive, and we are confident our new colleagues will remain equally receptive and collaborative.

Geraint Morris continues in his role as the Regional LPC's single point of contact with the Integrated Care Board (ICB), an influential position which ensures that the voice of community pharmacy is heard locally at the highest level.



The LPC maintains its active membership in Pharmacy Services North East (PSNE) Ltd, assisting in the commissioning of community pharmacy services for a variety of organisations. As mentioned in the 24/25 Annual Report,

PSNE Ltd and Sunderland City Council public health colleagues were engaged in extensive discussions regarding the Council's public health services. I'm pleased to report that those conversations resulted in a very positive outcome; effective 1 March, the NRT, sexual health and stop smoking services migrated to PSNE Ltd which has begun to manage those services.

Additionally, we are delighted to celebrate a major achievement that underscores the strength of our relationships with the Public Health teams in Durham and Sunderland. Driven by the consistent, strategic leadership of Greg Burke, Ann Gunning and the services team, CPDandS successfully championed the case for a critical funding review. We are grateful to our Public Health partners for recognising the immense value of community pharmacy by implementing well-deserved fee increases for our locally commissioned services. This success is a direct result of collaborative advocacy, ensuring our pharmacies are supported as they continue to deliver elite, high-quality health support across our communities.

Share Your Feedback & Connect With Us

The LPC always welcomes input from pharmacy teams. If you have any issues, we encourage you to raise them with our members, the Chief Officer, or myself.



- **Attend Our Meetings:** You are warmly invited to join our meetings. Upcoming dates are listed on the [CPDandS website](#). If you plan to attend, please notify our Chief Officer, Greg Burke, @ greg.burke@cpdands.org.uk.
- **Submit Your Ideas:** If you have specific concerns or topics you would like us to discuss, please share them by completing this [short survey](#).



We distribute regular [newsletters](#) at least once a month. If you haven't subscribed yet, you can sign up directly on [our website](#). Alternatively, use the QR code.

The CPDandS website is a really good resource and a conduit to extensive local and national information. Click on our logo below to access the site and take a moment to look around.



CPDandS pharmacies
WhatsApp group



Last year we also launched a WhatsApp group for our pharmacies, providing a fast and convenient way to share information, ask questions, and connect with both your peers and the LPC. If you are not yet a member and would like to join, please email your preferred mobile number to lpc@cpdands.org.uk or access via the QR code.

Acknowledgements & Thanks

In closing, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to two key groups:

- **Our Team:** A big thank you to our committee members (listed later in this report) and our officers—Ann Gunning, Geraint Morris, and Greg Burke. Their enthusiasm, time, and dedication are vital to our ability to support and represent you, our pharmacy contractors.
- **Our Pharmacy Teams:** On behalf of CPDandS, we want to express our immense gratitude to all the pharmacy teams across Durham and Sunderland. While the 2025/26 year brought continued challenges, you consistently delivered an exceptional standard of service to your patients. Both your communities and CPDandS are very grateful



Emma Morris
Chair, CPDandS

NORTH EAST CENTRAL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE KNOWN AS COMMUNITY PHARMACY DURHAM & SUNDERLAND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Principal Activities

North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee acts in the role of a local NHS representative organisation for community pharmacies located in County Durham and Sunderland.

The Committee

North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee is an association whose functions and procedures are set out in our Constitution.

As at 1 April 2025 North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee membership comprised:

- 1 member from the Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies
- 8 members from the Independent Sector
- 3 members from the Company Chemist Association

Member	Number of meetings attended/possible	% attendance
Paul Arnett	6/6	100%
Joy Cooper	5/6	83%
Andrea Dickinson	5/6	83%
Mukarrom Hussain	5/6	83%
Ian Mensforth	6/6	100%
Lee Middleton	5/6	83%
Emma Morris	6/6	100%
Rob Pitt	6/6	100%
Derek Roberts	5/6	83%
Jamie Rotherham	4/6	67%
Raminder Sihota	4/6	67%
Jovan Wong	1/2	50%

This report was approved by the Northeast Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee on 24 September 2026

NORTH EAST CENTRAL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE KNOWN AS COMMUNITY PHARMACY DURHAM & SUNDERLAND 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 company 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;
- a. make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- a. 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.

**NORTH EAST CENTRAL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE
KNOWN AS COMMUNITY PHARMACY DURHAM & SUNDERLAND
ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE
UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF NORTH EAST CENTRAL
LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

We have prepared for your approval the financial statements of North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee for the year ended 31 March 2026, which comprise the statement of financial activities and the related notes from the accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made to the committee, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 27 August 2025. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the committee, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 08/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee and the committee as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee 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 surplus of North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee. You consider that North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of North East Central Local Pharmaceutical Committee. 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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**NORTH EAST CENTRAL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Income from:			
Statutory Levies		273,765	241,948
Pinnacle - Pharm Outcomes licence recharge		18,997	30,901
PSNE - Management Fees		2,643	37,347
Other non-regular income		5,947	35,778
Investments	2	1,773	1,224
Total income		303,125	347,198
 LPC Expenditure	3	 263,975	 308,800
Total expenditure		263,975	308,800

**Net income for the year/
Net movement in funds**

39,150 38,398

Fund balances at 1 April 2025

317,679 279,281

Fund balances at 31 March 2026

356,829 317,679

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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NORTH EAST CENTRAL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE KNOWN AS COMMUNITY PHARMACY DURHAM & SUNDERLAND BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	£	2025 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		1		1
Current assets					
Debtors	6	21,985		22,662	
Cash at bank and in hand		366,639		346,346	
		388,624		369,008	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(31,796)		(51,330)	
Net current assets		356,828		317,678	
Total assets less current liabilities		356,829		317,679	
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Unrestricted funds		356,829		317,679	
		356,829		317,679	

The financial statements were approved by the committee on

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Emma Morris, Chair

NORTH EAST CENTRAL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE KNOWN AS COMMUNITY PHARMACY DURHAM & SUNDERLAND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

With the exception of some disclosure, 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:

1.2 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.

1.3 Income & Expenditure

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

1.4 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.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/ (expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 Financial instruments

The committee only enters into basic financial instrument transaction 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.

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 present value of the future receipts discounted at market rate of interest. Such assets and liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

1.7 Taxation

Any surplus arising from the activities of the Community Pharmacy North East Central on its non-mutual activities is subject to corporation tax at 19%.

1.8 Pension costs

The amounts paid during the year are charged to the income and expenditure account. Details are shown in note 7 of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2 Income from investments

	2026	2025
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,773	1,224

3 LPC Expenditure

	Expenditure 2026	Expenditure 2025
	£	£
Staff costs	88,241	86,983
Member backfill and expenses	34,434	40,753
PSNC Levies	86,574	80,487
Pinnacle - Pharm Outcomes Licence	18,005	18,846
Travel	2,275	1,029
Room Hire & Catering	3,539	2,554
Training	7,036	6,869
Telephone	933	1,200
IT Expenses	4,011	2,127
Accounting and professional fees	3,806	6,744
Insurance	1,387	1,336
Sundry expenses	1,334	1,442
Ipads to members	-	24,614
ABPM machines to members	-	13,440
Bank charges	160	96
Services coach	12,240	20,280
	263,975	308,800
	263,975	308,800

4 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2026	2025
Number	Number
3	3

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

4 Employees

(Continued)

Employment costs

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	56,497	54,919
Social security costs	25,588	26,052
Other pension costs	6,156	6,012
	<u>88,241</u>	<u>86,983</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

5 Fixed asset investments

**Unlisted
investments
£**

Cost or valuation

At 1 April 2025 & 31 March 2026

1

Carrying amount

At 31 March 2026

1

At 31 March 2025

1

6 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	21,985	19,300
Other debtors	-	3,362
	<u>21,985</u>	<u>22,662</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2026	2025
		£	£
Other taxation and social security		2,133	-
Deferred income	8	2,228	2,228
Trade creditors		19,945	41,591
Other creditors		160	78
Accruals		7,330	7,433
		<u>31,796</u>	<u>51,330</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

8 Deferred income

	2026 £	2025 £
Other deferred income	2,228	2,228

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	2,228	2,228
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2025	2,228	2,499
Released from previous periods	(2,228)	(2,499)
Resources deferred in the year	2,228	2,228
Deferred income at 31 March 2026	2,228	2,228

9 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

	2026 £	2025 £
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	6,156	6,012

The employer's contributions to the pensions scheme are 5%, the employee has the choice to contribute between 3 and 5%.

10 Related party transactions

During the year the following expenses were paid to committee members:

Amount	2026
• No. of Members	
£0 to £10,000	12
£10,001 to £20,000	0