

**Community Pharmacy Leicestershire & Rutland
Committee Agenda
5th December 2025 13:00 - 17:00
(Virtual)**

Time	Item	Owner
13:00	Welcome & Housekeeping Vision, Mission & Values of CPL&R Declarations of Interest Approval of Minutes for meeting held in Oct 2025	VP
13:15	CPPE Regional Tutor Meera Joshi	MJ
13:45	Chief Officer Report	RO
14:00	RapidX Abdullah Siddiqi	AS
14:30	CPE Regional Update (Lindsey's Slides)	RO
14:35	Treasurer's Report	AV
14:45	Amandeep Doll RPS Director for England	AD
15:15	East Midlands Strategy Shazia Patel	SP
15:45	Comfort Break	
16:00	Turning Point Katherine Watson	KW
16:30	2026 Planning & Priorities	All
16:50	Sub Committee Updates Governance HR Digital Contracts	ALL
16:45	Next Committee Meeting Date Dates for 2026	ALL
16:55	AOB App Update SK CCA update IPA update Executive Committee Update	ALL
17:00	Meeting End	



Attendees:

Present:	Apologies:	
Rajshri Owen – Chief Officer	Kishan Kotecha – Independent Contractor	Formatted: Font color: Auto
Viral Patel – Chair		Formatted: Font color: Auto
Altaf Vaiya – Treasurer	Shoaib	Formatted: Font: 11 pt, Font color: Auto, Complex Script Font: 11 pt
Satyan Kotecha – Vice-Chair, NHS England Representative		Formatted: Font: 11 pt, Font color: Auto, Complex Script Font: 11 pt
Ron Gregson – CCA Representative	Guests	Formatted: Font: 11 pt, Font color: Auto, Complex Script Font: 11 pt
Rahul Patel – Independent Contractor, IPA Member	Shazia Patel	Formatted: Font color: Auto
Nadya Jethwa – Independent Contractor	Amandeep Doll	Formatted: Font: 11 pt, Font color: Auto, Complex Script Font: 11 pt
Shezad Alimahomed – CCA Representative	Abdullah Siddiqi	Formatted: Font color: Auto
Shazia Patel – NHS Derby & Derbyshire ICB	Meera Joshi	Formatted: Font: 11 pt, Font color: Auto, Complex Script Font: 11 pt
	Katherine Watson	Formatted: Font color: Auto
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Meeting Minutes:

Welcome & Housekeeping

Viral Patel (Chair) welcomed all attendees to the final committee meeting of the year.

Special thanks to Rajshri and Vin for their contributions over the past months.

Wished everyone a Happy New Year and confirmed the next committee meeting will be held in January.

Vision, Mission & Values of CPL&R

Viral Patel (Chair) provided an overview of the Vision, Mission & Values of CPL&R to set the tone for the meeting.

Emphasized the importance of alignment with these values to guide the direction of the committee's work.

Approval of Minutes from October 2025 Meeting

Viral Patel (Chair) requested approval of the minutes from the October meeting.

Ron Gregson proposed the approval, Altaf seconded it.

The minutes from the October 2025 meeting were approved without changes.



CPPE Regional Tutor Update - Meera Joshi

Meera Joshi (CPPE Regional Tutor) provided an update on the CPPE programs:

Discussed the role of the CPPE Regional Tutor and the development of community pharmacy leadership.

Training programs and support initiatives provided to pharmacists to help integrate them into local neighborhood teams and INTs.

Action: Meera will continue supporting the development of pharmacy leadership through CPPE programs.

Chief Officer's Report

Chief Officer provided a detailed update:

- **Events Update:**

The AGM, PQS Webinar, and Contraception Service Event were successful with strong engagement from contractors.

Ron Gregson and Nadya Jethwa were thanked for their support during the events.

- **Upcoming Initiatives:**

Proposed roadshow on ABPM practical sessions in pharmacies.

Freestyle Sensor project in collaboration with Abbott scheduled for January.

- **Workstreams:**

Continued focus on Peacock Services to support contractors who have met or partially met the thresholds.

NRT Voucher Scheme and efforts to celebrate positive patient experiences.

- **Performance Metrics:**

LLR continues to outperform other regions in some areas, though there are challenges with Pharmacy First, particularly in minor ailments.



RapiX Presentation by Abdullah Siddiqi

Abdullah Siddiqi (Rope Green Medical Centre) introduced Rapi X, a digital platform designed to improve communication between GPs and pharmacies:

- **Features:**

Free for pharmacies to use, it connects GPs with local pharmacies to address medication shortages.

The platform allows pharmacies to respond to medication requests and offer alternatives in real-time.

- **Discussion:**

Rahul Patel and Satyan raised concerns about funding and implementation in areas where GPs are not willing to pay for the service.

Action: Abdullah Siddiqi to continue developing Rapix and engage with larger pharmacy chains and ICBs for broader use.

Treasurer's Report - Altaf

Altaf provided the financial update:

The LPC's financial status remains healthy, with a good bank balance despite some unanticipated costs such as insurance.

Action: The committee will continue to monitor finances and allocate resources for ongoing and future initiatives.

Guest Speaker: Amandeep Doll (RPS)

Amandeep Doll (RPS) introduced herself:

Director of England at RPS, focusing on community pharmacy leadership and advocating for community pharmacies in Integrated Neighborhood Teams (INT).

- **Key Discussion Points:**

The importance of leadership development within community pharmacy as part of the INTs.



- **Feedback from the Committee:**

Satyan and Rahul emphasized the need for real-world support and tangible benefits from RPS membership.

Viral Patel (Chair) stressed the importance of practical engagement with contractors and clear communication from RPS about what they can offer.

Action: Amandeep Doll will work on making RPS membership more relevant to community pharmacy contractors by addressing their concerns.

Turning Point - Katherine Watson

Katherine Watson provided an update on Turning Point, a new initiative aimed at improving the community pharmacy role in integrated care:

- **Key Discussion Points:**

- Turning Point focuses on community pharmacy leadership within the healthcare system.
- Addressed the challenges faced by community pharmacies in adapting to the needs of Integrated Care Systems.
- Action: Katherine will continue to collaborate with community pharmacies to implement the Turning Point initiative.

Subcommittee Updates

Governance: No updates were provided.

HR Committee:

Ron Gregson confirmed that RPS and GPHC fees will continue to be reimbursed for committee members for the year ahead.

Any Other Business (AOB)

Rahul Patel raised concerns about GPHC inspections and the lack of proper prescribing appraisals for contractors.

Action: The committee will explore how to support contractors with GPHC inspections and Independent Prescriber (IP) appraisals.



App Update SK

SK presented an update on the App used by the committee to streamline communication and project management:

Highlighted the new features being rolled out for easier access to key documents and communications.

Action: SK will continue refining the app and ensure all committee members are fully trained in using it.

CCA Update

Shezad Alimahomed provided an update on the work of the Community Pharmacy Contractors Alliance (CCA):

Focus on advocacy efforts to improve contractor support and policy influence in relation to new regulations.

Action: CCA will continue pushing for better government support and greater recognition of the role of community pharmacy in healthcare.

IPA Update

Rahul Patel provided an update on the Independent Pharmacy Alliance (IPA):

Emphasized the growing role of independent pharmacies in the sector and the challenges they face, particularly with reimbursement and regulation.

Action: IPA will continue to push for fair reimbursement rates and work closely with other stakeholders to address industry challenges.

Executive Committee Update

Viral Patel (Chair) provided an update on the Executive Committee activities:

Highlights: Discussion around the 2026 priorities, including plans to integrate neighborhood teams and support for community pharmacy leadership development.

Action: The Executive Committee will continue to provide guidance and ensure that key projects align with the overarching goals of the LPC.



Future Meetings

The Chief Officer proposed organizing the next meeting for either late January or early February, depending on availability. A poll will be circulated to confirm the most suitable date.