

The Dispensing Doctors' Association Ltd

Meeting of the Board of Directors

16 January 2025

Financial challenges in dispensing practice. The Board discussed the financial challenges presented by loss-making dispensing, and increased employer costs announced in the Autumn budget.

The DDA agreed to continue to raise awareness of this issue with NHSE, ministers and MPs, and to look for collaborative opportunities with pharmaceutical suppliers, pharmacies and mainstream press.

Electronic Prescription Service. The DDA will continue to press for inclusion within the service, and raise awareness of increasing rural inequalities arising from increased use of the service.

GPC. Meetings have continued to ensure the inclusion of dispensing practice within the new contract negotiations.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments. The Board agreed that a briefing document should be sent to LMCs in England to highlight the importance of reflecting the dispensing GP service in the revised PNAs, due for publication by October 1, 2025 (Wales: 2026).

Welsh report. The DDA will continue to ask for functionality of the Electronic Prescription Service required by dispensing GPs in Wales to be embedded into system developments.

Scottish report. The DDA received an update on the work of SGPC representing dispensing practices in Scotland.