

The Dispensing Doctors' Association Ltd.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday 26 March 2026

Present: Voting members:

Drs Mike Barstow

Ben Burgess

Hal Maxwell

Fiona Porter

Richard West (Chair)

Mr Mark Stone

Mr Matthew Isom (Chief Executive Officer)

Non-voting members:

Dr David Baker

Ms Ailsa Colquhoun

Ms Amanda Howard (Company Secretary)

Ms Jacinta Edgar

Dr Steph White from 12.30pm

Apologies:

Drs Ian Hume

Raj Kanwar

David Jenner

Richard Melton (Treasurer)

Ms Anne McIntosh

Chair's Report – The DDA discussed the serious financial implications for practices and the effects on patient safety of the proposed withdrawal of NHS funding for the EMIS Web dispensing module. A letter to NHSE expressing concerns would be sent.

Meetings with MPs – DDA Board Members have met with local GPs to communicate the need to revise the GP dispensing contract

CEO Report - The CEO has reported ongoing consultation regarding the GP Contract 2026/27 and the dispensing GP fee scale.

The DDA will respond to the consultation to amend [the Health Service Products \(Provision and Disclosure of Information\) Regulations 2018](#) to highlight the need to reference dispensing practices in the legislation.

Welsh Report – The Welsh LMC conference accepted DDA Welsh Chair Dr Fiona Porter’s motion proposing an emergency stabilising payment for dispensing practices as well as a commitment to ensure that:

- i) the clawback process is stopped as part of the dispensing contract reform
- ii) 56-day prescribing is not financially detrimental to DDs.

GPC Wales continue to be supportive of dispensing practices accessing suitable EPS software. Progress has also been made on dispensing emergency medication to non-dispensing patients.

Communications – Briefing papers will be sent to candidates in the Welsh and Scottish elections, and English local elections.

Manufacturer Relationships with Dispensing –

- Multiple meetings to discuss the financial pressures facing dispensing GPs.
- Discounts negotiated: Jardiance (empagliflozin 10mg / 20mg) MDS increased to 20 per cent