GHP Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists

Procurement & Distribution Interest Group (PDIG)

Summer Symposium – Thursday 11th June 2026
Eastside Rooms, Woodcock St, Birmingham B7 4BL

9.00am	Arrival, registration, coffee & tea	
9.50am	**Welcome & Introduction**	**Danny Palmer** Chair, GHP PDIG
10.00am	**Medicines Access in a Changing National Policy Landscape** • Single National Formulary (SNF) • Incorporating generics and biosimilars into NICE processes • Homecare improvement programme	**Claire Foreman** Director of Medicines Policy & Strategy Medicines Value & Access NHS England
10.40am	**Behind the barcode – value, risks and the future** • UK standards • Value to pharmacy operations • Risks, issues and possible solutions	**Jo Goulding** Pharmacy and GS1 Standards Lead, NHS England **Iain Davidson** Chief Pharmacist Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
11.15am	Tea/coffee	
11.45am	**How can the UK maximise biosimilar opportunities? An industry perspective** • Key organisational decisions made when developing and launching a biosimilar • Supply chain challenges with a highly agile and prepared NHS • Impact of policy changes.	**Gavin Will** Business Unit Head Bio & Specialty Sandoz UK & Ireland
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	**Infusions & Special Medicines Programme update** • Profile version 2 unlicensed specials database website development and launch • Advancing strategic insight and standardisation through improved Profile 2 data quality • Anticipated benefits for pharmacy manufacturing units and procurement teams	**Chris Woodard** Specialist Advisor Infusions and Special Medicines Programme NHS England
2.15pm	**Change management in an ePrescribing era** • Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust Case study: How the eEnabled environment can impact on complex switches to “Best Value” medicines.	**Bhulesh Vadher** Clinical Director of Pharmacy & Medicines Management
2.45pm	**The cost of medicines in the NHS** • Horizon scanning – patent cliff and new innovative medicines • Global commercial turbulence • Specialist insight from IQVIA Global and EU Thought Leadership	**Steven Ferguson** Principal, Head of Market Access, IQVIA **Helena Bayley** Consultant, Thought leadership, IQVIA
3.30pm	Close	

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