GHP Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists

Procurement & Distribution Interest Group (PDIG)

Autumn Symposium – Thursday 26th November 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	**The US- UK Trade Arrangement** • Implications for medicines and procurement in the NHS	**Noah Kidron-Style** Deputy Director, Medicines Pricing, Department of Health and Social Care
10.35am	**Protecting Patients from Falsified Medicines** • The threat • Learning from recent incidents • Actions to reduce risk	**Grant Powell** Team Leader, Criminal Enforcement, MHRA
11.15am	Tea/coffee	
11.45am	**Showcasing Digital Innovations in the NHS** • RPA in homecare invoicing • Supply problem management	**Bethan Jones & John Glover** Aneurin Bevan University Health Board **Roberto Alvarez & Nicholas Bell** Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	**Understanding Imported Medicines: From Sourcing to Patient Use** • Understanding why medicines are imported • The sourcing process and regulatory Framework • Risks and issues that purchasers need to know	**Fergal Brett** Global Access Director Tanner Pharma Group
2.15pm	**Challenges in generic medicines markets** • Launching & sustaining generic medicines in the UK secondary care market • UK position in a global supply chain - procurement efficiency vs supplier viability • What impact could Value Based Procurement have?	**Simon Wilson** Managing Director and Country Manager, Reig Jofre UK Ltd Chair of Medicines UK Secondary Care Group
2.45pm	**Medicines Shortages** • Safeguarding supply against global threats • Roles and responsibilities in managing shortages	**Ian King** Deputy Director, Medicine Supply, Department of Health and Social Care **Kate Mitchell** Principal Pharmacist, Medicine Supply Department of Health and Social Care
3.30pm	Close	

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