

Press Release

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Pharmacy bodies aligned to face the future – AIMp, CCA, NPA, PSNC and RPSGB

The leading bodies in pharmacy have worked together successfully for many years on a whole range of issues important to the future of community pharmacy, and have achieved notable successes in influencing the development of policy, with the recently announced decision on the future of pseudoephedrine being a prime example of the results of such collaboration.

All bodies are today signalling their intention to work together even more closely in future, seeing great value in the strength and clarity of their collective voice and in avoiding duplication of effort. New personalities being welcomed to the group include Chris Hodges, Chairman of PSNC; Jeremy Holmes, Chief Executive of the RPSGB and Alison White, Chief Executive of the NPA, all of whom will be bringing a broad range of experience to deal with the challenges facing community pharmacy in the future.

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Notes to editors

The **Association of Independent Multiples** (AIMp) has over 1200 pharmacies in membership and represents the interests of the independent multiple sector. Its members have between 5 to 300 shops, and include: Day Lewis, Co-op Healthcare, HI Weldricks and PCT Healthcare.

The **Company Chemists Association** (CCA) provides a forum for the major businesses engaged in community pharmacy to work together to help create an environment where community pharmacy can flourish, and where pharmacy contractors compete in a fair and equitable way. The CCA's nine member companies are: Alliance Boots, Co-operative Group Pharmacy, LloydsPharmacy, Tesco, J Sainsbury, Wm Morrison Supermarkets, Asda Wal-Mart, Rowlands Pharmacy and Superdrug. Between them they own over 5,000 pharmacies, representing around 45% of the pharmacies in the United Kingdom.



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The **National Pharmacy Association (NPA)** was established in 1921 as the trade association of community pharmacy owners. To reflect the changes in the pharmacy environment the NPA now extends membership and its associated benefits to all members of the community pharmacy infrastructure.

The **Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC)** is recognised by the Secretary of State for Health as representative of community pharmacy on NHS matters. PSNC's main objective is to secure the best possible remuneration, terms and conditions for NHS pharmacy contractors in England and Wales. Much of the PSNC's work involves discussions and negotiations with the Department of Health.

The **Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB)** is the regulatory and professional body for pharmacists in England, Scotland and Wales. The primary objective of the RPSGB is to lead, regulate and develop the pharmacy profession.

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