

Community Pharmacy Arden (CPA) – Meeting 2nd July 2026

Holiday Inn Coventry Hinckley Road, Coventry CV2 2HP Main

meeting starts at 09:45 – closes by 15:00 for visits (Executive Meeting 09:15-09:45)

CEO	Conor Price (CP);
Chair	Sam Griffiths (SG);
MEMBERS ATTENDING	Jas Heer (JH); Faye Owen (FO); Theresa Fryer (TF); Mike O'Donnell (MO); Steve Brown (SB); Baljit Chaggar (BC); Sumeet Randhawa (SR);
IN ATTENDANCE	Zoe Ascott (ZA); Fiona Lowe (FL);

Apologies: Satyan Kotecha (SK); Conor Price (CP); Bal Heer (BH);

Guests for open session: Altaz Dhanani (ICB);

Executive Meeting: SG, TF, FL, ZA

- Merger robustly discussed.

Closed Session:

Minutes, matters arising, DOI, attendance sheet and AOB:

Market Entry & CEO Report & Workplan:

CEO Report on Box for Committee to review.

LPC Make-up predicted for 2027 term

CPHW:

- 113 pharmacies (26 + 87)
- IPA 32% - 3 seats from 10
- CCA 23% - 2 seats from 10
- Indep 45% - 5 seats from 10

CPA:

- 181 pharmacies (82 + 99)
- IPA 12% - 1 seat from 10
- CCA 22% - 2 seats from 10
- Indep 66% - 7 seats from 10

QPMS:

Guests Welcome:

ICB representatives: Altaz Dhanani (AD); Sarah Johnson (SJ); Claire Haynes (CH);

CPCF Update and Discussion: JH – CLOSED

Merger and succession planning:

Skills and capacity audits have completed by members, may be worth looking at.

There will be a new LPC in April, as the current term is over then.

New Deputy to Conor starting in August.

Training discussed and whether regulations training could be required. New members training scheduled by CPE for the New Committee in March 2027.

CPE Media Training was useful and may be worth seeing if on demand.

CPA and CPHW Merger not as definite now with the cluster or merger or the ICB not being definite. If Cluster merged and LPC followed it may have changed after 2-3 years, depending on mayoral elections. Committee agree we are in an interesting position as to whether make cluster arrangements definite. JH added the constitution changes are minor. SG – sensible to be patient and wait before making any decisions when the broader picture is not clear. Further discussion over geographical boundaries. If we stay as we are, then 31st October look at ratio numbers, then go out for new committee in January time. Committee in agreement to wait on the merger decision and go ahead with the normal new term.

Information evening discussed, to float the idea of a merger or split.

INT and Meetings:

Finances:

CCA Questions – Quarter 3 are not out yet, FO to follow up.

Meeting closed.