



Pranay Kotak

Community Pharmacist

Types of Reports Undertaken: Liability Breach of Duty Reports & Screening Reports

Client Age categories: Adult



Specialisms:

- Community
- Contraception
- Diabetes
- Elderly Patients
- Mental Health
- Respiratory
- Substance Misuse

Profile:

I am a UK-registered pharmacist and Community Pharmacy Expert Witness with over 18 years' experience practising within community pharmacy settings, including independent pharmacies, small multiples and large national pharmacy chains.

My professional experience has focused on the safe and accurate supply of medicines, prescription clinical screening, patient counselling at the point of supply, medicines safety and adherence to professional and governance standards within community pharmacy practice.

I provide independent expert opinion in relation to community pharmacy practice, assisting solicitors and the courts in considering whether care provided was consistent with the standards reasonably expected of a competent community pharmacist.

My areas of expertise include prescription and dispensing errors, clinical screening and decision-making, medicines safety, controlled drug governance, potential drug interactions identified at dispensing, patient counselling, referral and escalation, and pharmacy governance.

I am an Associate Expert Witness with Maggie Sargent & Associates and have completed formal medico-legal expert witness training through the University of



Maggie Sargent & Associates

Strathclyde, including training relating to CPR Part 35 and the duties of an expert witness.

My approach is to distinguish carefully between what is documented, what was known at the time, the professional standards and guidance applicable to the circumstances, what was actually done, and what can reasonably be concluded from the available evidence.

My Specialist Skills Include:

- Clinical screening of prescriptions and assessment of prescription appropriateness
- Prescription and dispensing errors
- Dispensing accuracy, checking and supervision processes
- Identification and management of medication-related risks
- Medicines safety and medication-related risk assessment
- Patient counselling and medicines-related safety-netting
- Recognition of red flags and appropriate referral or escalation
- Responsible Pharmacist duties, supervision and delegation
- Controlled drug governance and regulatory requirements
- Application of GPhC professional standards within community pharmacy
- Pharmacy governance, SOPs, audit and documentation
- Communication with prescribers and other healthcare professionals
- Professional decision-making and standard of care
- Safeguarding within community pharmacy

Qualifications and Memberships:

- Medico-Legal Expert Witness Training – University of Strathclyde Law School – 2025
- MPharm (Pharmacy Practice) – Aston University – 2007
- MPharm (Pharmaceutical Technology) – University of Mumbai – 1993
- Registered Pharmacist – General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) – 2008
- Executive Diploma in Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs – 2017
- Member – Pharmacists' Defence Association (PDA)
- Member – Pharmacy Law and Ethics Association (PLEA)