

On **19 November 2025** the General Pharmaceutical Council's Investigating Committee considered an allegation in relation to **Mr David Sowah Takyi ADJETEY, registration number: 2062254** and determined to issue the registrant concerned with a warning in relation to the conduct alleged.

The Committee concluded that the appropriate outcome in this case is a warning with the wording of:

Mr David Sowah Takyi Adjetey ("the Registrant") was first registered with the GPhC in October 2005 as a Pharmacist. The concerns relate to the Registrant's role as Superintendent Pharmacist ("SI") at Dock Pharmacy in Tilbury Essex (1091481) ("the Pharmacy") from 7 November 2019 to 21 February 2021.

In his role as SI, the Registrant failed to manage the risks to users in using the online services, particularly in respect of medicines that are liable to abuse, overuse or misuse with a risk of addiction. Furthermore, the Pharmacy supplied large quantities of medication to customers in North America without taking appropriate steps to ensure that the supply was legal in the destination country (for example Quinine Sulphate and medications containing codeine which are banned in the USA) or having appropriate indemnity insurance in place as is required to cover North America or supplies of medication in Nigeria. Furthermore, the Registrant failed to ensure that the Pharmacy had a wholesale distribution licence before supplying or selling medicinal products for human use to organisations.

The Registrant's conduct has breached the following standards:

Standard 1 – provide person-centred care.

Standard 2 – work in partnership with others.

Standard 5 – use their professional judgement.

Standard 9 – demonstrate leadership.

The Registrant's conduct presents an actual or potential risk to patient or public safety and undermines or is likely to undermine the confidence in the pharmacy profession. Selling/supplying medication at a distance is subject to additional requirements to ensure that risks are managed and medication can safely be supplied. It is important that systems, policies and processes are in place in order to manage these risks, particularly in relation to medicines which are liable to abuse. The breach of standards by the Registrant are serious and occurred over a prolonged period of time.

The Registrant has explained that he took on the role of SI after careful consideration and assurances that he would not be responsible for the online pharmacy business. Although there is no evidence to suggest that the role of SI at any time has had involvement in the day to day running of the online pharmacy business, the SI is responsible for the way in which the Pharmacy carries out its professional pharmaceutical activities, which includes those provided online. The Registrant submitted paperwork to be listed as the SI for the Pharmacy which encompassed all regulated activities operated by them. This is a regulated role which is important to the safe and effective operation of pharmacy services to the public. The Registrant ought to have known as SI, that he was responsible for all pharmaceutical activities at the Pharmacy including the online pharmacy business, and that he could not agree to absolve himself of that responsibility in the role of SI.

The Registrant is warned that he must ensure that he fully understands the duties and responsibilities of any professional roles that he undertakes and is able to perform them adequately. Furthermore, that medications must not be wholesaled without the appropriate licence, that adequate indemnity insurance must be held in relation to supplies of medicine and that robust systems and checks must be in place in relation to the supply of medication at a distance, particularly those liable to abuse.

This warning will be published on the register and will be available for 12 months.