

On **21 May 2026** the General Pharmaceutical Council's Investigating Committee considered an allegation in relation to **Mr Andrew Holden, registration number: 2081970** 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:

This case relates to a registered pharmacist, Mr Andrew Holden, the pharmacy professional, General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) number 2081970.

Mr Holden was working as the Responsible Pharmacist and Superintendent at Holden's Chemist Express, the pharmacy. In November 2024, Mr Holden made emergency supplies of controlled drugs for more than 5 days treatment to two patients. Mr Holden also failed to ensure controlled drugs were effectively managed, stored and/or disposed of correctly at the pharmacy, in that they fell through the ceiling of the pharmacy on 30 January 2025.

The conduct of the pharmacy professional was a breach of the pharmacy professional standards:

- Standard 1, pharmacy professionals must provide person centred care.
- Standard 5, pharmacy professionals must use their professional judgement.
- Standard 7, pharmacy professionals must respect and maintain a person's confidentiality and privacy,
- Standard 8, pharmacy professionals must speak up when things go wrong.
- Standard 9, pharmacy professionals must demonstrate leadership

Mr Holden's conduct is likely to undermine confidence in the profession without action being taken. A warning is therefore appropriate to remind Mr Holden that the safe supply and custody of drugs is essential for safe and effective patient care and that such conduct should not be repeated.

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