

REPS IN-DEPTH



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I first joined the PDA Union some years ago as I believed strongly in its core principle of being an organisation that supports the individual pharmacist, and became a member of the West and Wales regional committee.

Regional committees ensure the PDA Union can communicate with its members across all sectors of pharmacy. We discuss issues important to members and communicate to the wider PDA union team. Committee members also perform important aspects of union work e.g. attending local events, national conferences, and recruitment of new members.

I have worked as a pharmacist within Boots for over 30 years in a variety of roles, currently as a relief pharmacist in South Wales.

When the PDAU finally gained recognition within Boots, I knew I wanted to be involved and applied to be part of the rep network at Boots and was appointed regional representative for Wales. After comprehensive training I can now also support pharmacists in disciplinary and grievance meetings. In addition to individual representations and advice there is a lot of work that the reps undertake to improve the working lives of pharmacists collectively working at Boots UK, such as pay negotiations, TUPE arrangements and equality matters always after listening carefully to members views on the issues important to them.

If you are a pharmacist working in Boots and not yet a member, I would urge you to join and to have your views heard. I am proud to be part of the team of PDA union reps at Boots who are dedicated professionals caring deeply about improving the working environment for our colleagues. Our aim is to listen to members and to resolve issues 'earlier, locally and together' and members can contact us confidentially.