

Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	Boots Pharmacists Association		
Year ended:	31 December 2024		
List no:	592T		
Head or Main Office address:	3 Castle Court		
	Carnegie Campus		
	Dunfermline		
	Fife		
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Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes	No	X
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Return of Members

(see notes 10 and 11)

	Number of members at the end of the year				
	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)	Totals
	368	21			389
Total	368	21			A 389

Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund

389

Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:

Change of Officers

Please complete the following to record any changes of officers during the twelve months covered by this return

Position Held	Name of Officer ceasing to hold Office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date of change

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes

No

X

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

Yes

No

X

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

and names:

Officers in post

(see note 12)

Please complete list of all officers in post at the end of the year to which this return relates.

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Boots Pharmacists Association

Executive Officers

From January 2024 to December 2024

Khuram Ahmad – Acting Chairperson & Immediate Past Chairperson [Following the AGM (October 2018), no one was in a position to take on the role of Chair. As immediate past Chair Khuram agreed to maintain the position of Chairperson until someone was able to step up

Rhona Bennett – Treasurer

Phillip Yelling

Sibby Buckle

Shazia Naji – Vice Chairperson

General Fund

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
Income		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		45,860
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		45,860
Investment income (as at page 12)		
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)		
Total of other income (as at page 4)		
Total income		45,860
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		63,327
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		
Total expenditure		63,327
Interfund Transfers OUT		
Surplus (deficit) for year		-17,467
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		53,928
Amount of general fund at end of year		36,461

(see notes 19 and 20)

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Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

			£
Representation –		brought forward	
Employment Related Issues		Advisory Services	
Representation –		Other Cash Payments	
Non Employment Related Issues			
		Education and Training services	
Communications			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
carried forward		Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 2		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

Fund 3		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 4		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income			
From members			
Investment income (as at page 12)			
Other income (specify)			
Total other income as specified			
Total Income			
Interfund Transfers IN			
Expenditure			
Benefits to members			
Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
Total Expenditure			
Interfund Transfers OUT			
Surplus (Deficit) for the year			
Amount of fund at beginning of year			
Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)			
Number of members contributing at end of year			

Fund 5		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income			
From members			
Investment income (as at page 12)			
Other income (specify)			
Total other income as specified			
Total Income			
Interfund Transfers IN			
Expenditure			
Benefits to members			
Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
Total Expenditure			
Interfund Transfers OUT			
Surplus (Deficit) for the year			
Amount of fund at beginning of year			
Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)			
Number of members contributing at end of year			

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 6		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

Fund 7		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 8		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
Total other income as specified			
Total Income			
Interfund Transfers IN			
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

Fund 9		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
Total other income as specified			
Total Income			
Interfund Transfers IN			
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

Political fund account

(see notes 24 to 33)

£

£

Political fund account 1		To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own political fund	
Income	Members contributions and levies		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
Other income (specify)			
Total other income as specified			
Total income			
Expenditure under section (82) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 on purposes set out in section (72) (1) where consolidation of expenditures from the political funds exceeds £2,000 during the period			
Expenditure A (as at page i)			
Expenditure B (as at page ii)			
Expenditure C (as at page iii)			
Expenditure D (as at page iv)			
Expenditure E (as at page v)			
Expenditure F (as at page vi)			
Non-political expenditure (as at page vii)			
Total expenditure			
Surplus (deficit) for year			
Amount of political fund at beginning of year			
Amount of political fund at the end of year (as <u>Balance Sheet</u>)			
Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund			
Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund			
Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not contribute to the political fund			
Political fund account 2		To be completed by trade unions which act as components of a central trade union	
Income	Contributions and levies collected from members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back from central political fund		
Other income (specify)			
Total other income as specified			
Total income			
Expenditure	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)		
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects(specify)		
	Non-political expenditure		
Total expenditure			
Surplus (deficit) for year			
Amount held on behalf of trade union political fund at beginning of year			
Amount remitted to central political			
Amount held on behalf of central political fund at end of year			
Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund			
Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund			
Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund			

The following pages 9i to 9vii relate to the Political Fund Account Expenditure

Political fund account expenditure (a)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (a) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

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Political fund account expenditure (b)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (a) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates

Expenditure of money on the provision of any services or property for use by or on behalf of any political party

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Political fund account expenditure (c)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (a) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

Expenditure in connection with the registration of electors, the candidature of any person, the selection of any candidate or the holding of any ballot by the union in connection with any election to a political office
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Title and Date of election	Name of political party/organisation	Name of candidate, organisation or political party (see 33(iii))	£
Total			

Political fund account expenditure (d)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (a) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

Expenditure on the maintenance of any holder of political office	
Name of office holder	£
Total	

Political fund account expenditure (e)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (a) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

The expenditure of money on the holding of any conference or meeting by or on behalf of a political party or of any other meeting the main purpose of which is the transaction of business in connection with a political party

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Political fund account expenditure (f)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (a) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates

On the production, publication or distribution of any literature, document, film, sound recording or advertisement the main purpose of which is to persuade people to vote for a political party or candidate or to persuade them not to vote for a political party or candidate

Name of organisation or political party	£
Total	

**Expenditure from the political fund not falling within section 72 (1) of the trade union & labour relations
(consolidation) act 1992**

For expenditure not falling within section 72 (1) the required information is-

(a) the nature of each cause or campaign for which money was expended, and the total amount expended in relation to each one	£

Total expenditure

(b) the name of each organisation to which money was paid (otherwise than for a particular cause of campaign), and the total amount paid to each one

£

Total expenditure

£

(c) the total amount of all other money expended

Total expenditure

Total of all expenditures

Analysis of administrative expenses and other outgoings excluding amounts charged to political fund accounts

(see notes 34 and 35)

		£
Administrative Expenses		
Remuneration and expenses of staff		1,341
Salaries and Wages included in above		
Auditors' fees		4,524
Legal and Professional fees		4,801
Occupancy costs		
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		90
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Insurance		31,552
Consultancy & administrative services		17,604
Meeting expenses		1,400
General expenses		245
Other Outgoings		
Computer costs		1,635
Depreciation		135
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
Total		63,327
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	63,327
Total		63,327

Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits

(see notes 36 to 46 below)

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Analysis of investment income

(see notes 47 and 48)

	Political Fund £	Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings		
Dividends (gross) from:		
Equities (e.g. shares)		
Interest (gross) from:		
Government securities (Gilts)		
Mortgages		
Local Authority Bonds		
Bank and Building Societies		
Other investment income (specify)		
Total investment income		
Credited to:		
General Fund (Page 3)		
Political Fund		
Total Investment Funds		

Balance sheet as at

31 December 2024

(see notes 49 to 52)

Previous Year		£	£
146	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		11
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Quoted (Market value £ ())		
	Unquoted		
	Total Investments		
	Other Assets		
3,953	Loans to other trade unions		5,914
63,363	Sundry debtors		72,439
	Cash at bank and in hand		
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
67,316	Total of other assets		78,353
67,462	Total assets		78,364
53,928	General fund (page 3)		36,461
	Political Fund Account		
	Liabilities		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
£13,534	Accrued Expenses		41,903
£13,534	Total liabilities		41,903
£67,316	Total assets		78,364

Fixed assets account

(see notes 53 to 57)

	Land and Buildings		Furniture and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Not used for union business	Total
	Freehold	Leasehold				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year			540			540
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			540			540
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year			394			394
Charges for year			135			135
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			529			529
Net book value at end of year			11			11
Net book value at end of previous year						

Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

Quoted		All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	Total quoted (as Balance Sheet)		
	Market Value of Quoted Investment		
Unquoted	Equities		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Mortgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
	Total unquoted (as Balance Sheet)		
	Market Value of Unquoted Investments		

Analysis of investment income (controlling interests)

(see notes 60 and 61)

Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?

Yes

☐

No

☐

If YES name the relevant companies:

Company name	Company registration number (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)

Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?

Yes

☐

No

☐

If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.

Company name	Names of shareholders

Summary sheet

(see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members	45,860		45,860
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Income	45,860		45,860
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	63,327		63,327
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	53,928		53,928
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	36,461		36,461
Assets			
	Fixed Assets		11
	Investment Assets		
	Other Assets		78,353
	Total Assets		78,364
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	41,903
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			36,461

Summary sheet

(see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members			
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Income			
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure			
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)			
Funds at end of year (including reserves)			
Assets			
Fixed Assets			
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			
Total Assets			
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities			
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			

(see notes 74 to 80)

Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period?

If Yes How many ballots were held:

For each ballot held please complete the information below:

Ballot 1

Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Number of votes cast in the ballot

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question

Number of individuals answering "No" to the question

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned

1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Ballot 2

Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Number of votes cast in the ballot

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question

Number of individuals answering "No" to the question

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned

1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Ballot 3

Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Number of votes cast in the ballot

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question

Number of individuals answering "No" to the question

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned

1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Ballot 4

Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Number of votes cast in the ballot

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question

1

Number of individuals answering "No" to the question

2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned

3

1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Ballot 5

Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Number of votes cast in the ballot

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question

1

Number of individuals answering "No" to the question

2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned

3

1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Ballot 6

Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Number of votes cast in the ballot

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question

1

Number of individuals answering "No" to the question

2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned

3

1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Ballots and Industrial Action: If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

(see note 81)

***Categories of Nature of Trade Dispute**

A: terms and conditions of employment, or the physical conditions in which any workers require to work;

B: engagement or non-engagement, or termination or suspension of employment or the duties of employment, of one or more workers;

C: allocation of work or the duties of employment between workers or groups of workers;

D: matters of discipline;

E: a worker's membership or non-membership of a trade union;

F: facilities for officials of trade unions;

G: machinery for negotiation or consultation, and other procedures, relating to any of the above matters, including the recognition by employers or employers' associations of the right of a trade union to represent workers in such negotiation or consultation or in the carrying out of such procedures

Did Union members take industrial action during the return period in response to any inducement on the part of the Union? YES/NO

☐

If **YES**, for each industrial action taken please complete the information below:

Industrial Action 1

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 2

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 3

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

use a continuation page if necessary

Industrial Action 4

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 5

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 6

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 7

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 8

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Ballots & Industrial Action- If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

Notes to the accounts

(see notes 82 and 83)

All notes to the accounts must be entered on or attached to this part of the return.

BPA 2024 Notes to
the Accounts

Accounting policies

(see notes 84 and 85)

BPA 2024
Accounting Policies

Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 & 87)

Including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return. Please copy and paste your electronic signature here

Treasurer's Signature:		Chairman's Signature:	
			(or other official whose position should be stated)
Name:	Alisdair Jones	Name:	Khuram Ahmad
Date:	19-06-25	Date:	19-06-25

Checklist

(see notes 88 to 89)

(please tick as appropriate)

Has the return of change of officers been completed? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	Yes	☒	No	
Has the list of officers in post been completed? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	Yes	☒	No	
Has the return been signed? (see Pages 23 and 25 and Notes 86 and 95)	Yes	☒	No	
Has the auditor's report been completed? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	Yes	☒	No	
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes	☒	No	
A member statement is: (see Note 80)	Enclosed	☒	To follow	
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes	☒	To follow	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes	☒	No	

Checklist for auditor's report

(see notes 90 and 96)

The checklist below is for guidance. A report is still required either set out overleaf or by way of an attached auditor's report that covers the 1992 Act requirements.

1. In the opinion of the auditors or auditor do the accounts they have audited and which are contained in this return give a true and fair view of the matters to which they related? (See section 36(1) and (2) of the 1992 Act and notes 92 and 93)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached.

2. Are the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the 1992 Act and has:

- a. kept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and
- b. established and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holding and all its receipts and remittances. (See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in note 92)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached

3. Your auditors or auditor must include in their report the following wording:

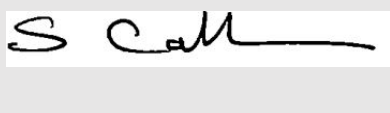
In our opinion the financial statements:

- **give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate to.**
- **have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the sections 28, 32 and 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.**

Auditor's report (continued)

BPA 2025 Audit
Report

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:



Name(s):

Sharon Collins

Profession(s) or Calling(s):

Statutory Auditor

Address(es):

Thomson Cooper

3 Castle Court

Carnegie Campus

Dunfermline, Fife

Postcode

KY11 8PB

Date

20/06/2025

Contact name for inquiries and
telephone number:

Sharon Collins, 01383 628 800

N.B. When notes to the account are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.

BOOTS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION (BPA)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF BOOTS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION (BPA)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Boots Pharmacists Association (BPA) (the 'Association') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We draw attention to Note 6 in the financial statements, which explains that subsequent to the year end, the Association merged with another union and ceased to operate as a separate legal entity. In view of this, the financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis, but on a basis appropriate for an entity that is no longer a going concern.

We consider the use of this alternative basis to be appropriate in the circumstances and the disclosures in the financial statements to be adequate.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Executive Council are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Executive Council's Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Executive Council's Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

BOOTS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION (BPA)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF BOOTS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION (BPA)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the Executive Council

As explained more fully in the Executive Council's responsibilities statement, the Executive Council are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as Executive Council is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the Executive Council are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Executive Council either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the Association and the industry in which it operates, we identified that the principal laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements to be the UK Companies Act 2006 and the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items. In addition, the Association is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on the amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect; Data Protection Act 2018 and the Bribery Act 2010. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Executive Council and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence if any.

We considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas: existence and timing of recognition of income, posting of unusual journals along with complex transactions. We discussed these risks with management, designed audit procedures to test the timing and existence of revenue, tested a sample of journals to confirm they were appropriate and reviewed areas of judgement for indicators of management bias to address these risks.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

BOOTS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION (BPA)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF BOOTS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION (BPA)

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

These inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud as this may involve sophisticated schemes designed to avoid detection, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or the provision of intentional misrepresentations

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the association's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the association's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the association and the association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Sharon Collins (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Thomson Cooper, Statutory Auditors
Dunfermline

20 June 2025

Membership audit certificate

made in accordance with section 24ZD of the Trade Union and Labour
Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

(See notes 97 to 103)

At the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates was the total membership of the trade union greater than 10,000?

No

If "YES" please complete SECTION ONE below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21

If "NO" please complete SECTION TWO below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21

Membership audit certificate

Section one

For a trade union with more than 10,000 members, required by section 24ZB of the 1992 Act to appoint an independent assurer

- 1 In the opinion of the assurer appointed by the trade union was the union's system for compiling and maintaining its register of the names and addresses of its members satisfactory to secure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in its register were accurate and up-to-date throughout the reporting period?

Yes / No

- 2 In the opinion of the assurer has he/she obtained the information and explanations necessary for the performance of his/her functions?

Yes / No

If the answer to **either** questions 1 or 2 above is "NO" the assurer must:

- (a) set out below the assurer's reasons for stating that
- (b) provide a description of the information or explanation requested or required which has not been obtained
- (c) state whether the assurer required that information or those explanations from the union's officers, or officers of any of its branches or sections under section 24ZE of the 1992 Act
- (d) send a copy of this certificate to the Certification Officer as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is provided to the union.

Membership audit certificate (continued)

Signature of assurer	
Name	
Address	
Date	
Contact name and telephone number	

Membership audit certificate

Section two

For a trade union with no **more than 10,000 members** at the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates.

To the best of your knowledge and belief has the trade union during this reporting period complied with its duty to compile and maintain a register of the names and addresses of its members and secured, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-date?

Yes

If "No" Please explain below:

Signature	
Name	Alisdair Jones
Office held	Treasurer
Date	19-06-25