

Bayo Adegbite

Pharmacist and English Pharmacy Board Member

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Bayo has proactively championed black female pharmacists to aim for senior roles eg board positions, membership bodies roles, providing mentoring where needed or making the relevant introductions to support the pharmacists, making a significant impact through his actions and dedication. In addition to his advocacy efforts, Bayo has collaborated and partnered with groups led by black female pharmacists including UKBPA and others.

Sadeh Graham

Pharmacist

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Sadeh has been an expert patient highlighting her experience of sickle cell disease for many years. She has also been a trustee of Oscar Sandwell, a sickle cell charity and has used her platform to raise awareness of the condition.

Afua Thompson

Community Pharmacist



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Ifesi Anyamene

Superintendent Pharmacist

Ifesi is an outstanding pharmacist who has made a real difference to the lives of her patients and her community. She is a dedicated and compassionate professional who is always willing to go the extra mile. She is also a role model for other pharmacists, particularly those from minority backgrounds. She has helped to improve patient care by providing high-quality services such as hypertension case finding and flu vaccinations. She has also worked to raise awareness of the importance of vaccination among people of minority ethnic backgrounds. In addition, she has mentored other pharmacists and helped to promote diversity in the pharmacy profession.

Denise Rosembert

Assistant Director for Medicines Optimisation

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Denise is a pioneer as the first consultant credentialled pharmacist for biologics and advanced therapies in autoimmune diseases. Her leadership has driven innovation through optimising the use of digital systems, access to medicines, improving patient care and mentorship. A catalyst in shaping strategic policies that enhance pharmaceutical services, ensuring patient safety and efficiency. As a CPhO Clinical Fellow, her work on the Inclusive Pharmacy Practice recruitment checklist with the behavioural change team has made an impactful contribution to EDI nationally.

Dr Bahijja Raimi-Abraham

Associate Professor in Pharmaceutics

Dr Bahijja Raimi-Abraham is a pharmacist, and associate professor in pharmaceutics at King's College London, UK. She is Founder of King's College London Fight the Fakes and Academic Lead. She also leads her research group 'The Raimi-Abraham Group'. Dr Raimi-Abraham is a Board Member of the Academy Pharmaceutical Sciences of Great Britain (APS). She also has social enterprise STEAM:ED Collective and podcast Monday Science. She was announced by FIP as the new chair of FIPWiSE. FIPWiSE is an initiative to champion and enable women in pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy education to achieve their fullest potential, and to attract female students and young professionals into these fields.

Lelly Obboh

Overprescribing Lead



Lelly is an inspirational compassionate leader who is a role model for women in pharmacy particularly black women. She commands an audience when she speaks about her passions of tackling inappropriate polypharmacy and care of the elderly. She makes time for people and creates opportunities for others to shine. She is selfless and generous with her knowledge and words of wisdom.

Karen Benjamin

Chief Pharmacy Technician

Karen is a role model and inspiration, within and outside the profession. As an education lead, she has a pastoral role and guides people through their pharmacy journey. Many have benefitted from her expertise throughout the years. Karen empowers people to apply critical thinking skills and encourages everyone to go beyond what is expected of them. A committed leader who motivates others. She is the epitome of professionalism and collaborates with the whole team to achieve high standards for patients using pharmacy services.

Lola Dabiri

Superintendent Pharmacist



To know Lola is to be in awe of this amazing woman! She fills everyone she meets with her positivity, zest for life and love of Pharmacy! She contributes so much for the profession through her role as a pharmacy business owner, her work as a Scotland Pharmacy Board member (she has made history as she is the first black person to hold such a position) and her role as a Board member for the UK Black Pharmacists Association.

Uchu Mead

Consultant Pharmacist: Intestinal Rehabilitation



Uchu is a friend, peer and colleague. A lead pharmacist for intestinal failure, and is a national expert. She leads and manages a large team, who respect and adore her. Uchu models exceptional leadership and management qualities. She exudes positivity and her passion for her profession is contagious. As a black professional woman, she is an excellent role model, paving the way for others, showing them that it can be done.

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Oluwabunmi Ogunnubi

Senior Medical Affairs Scientist



For more than 2 years Oluwabunmi has volunteered significant time with the African & Caribbean Pre-registration Pharmacists Network (ACPN) which aims supports trainee pharmacists succeed in their professional qualifying examination with General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC). Without her dedication and co-leadership the support available to more than 100 trainees over the last two years would have been almost impossible.

Sarraa Al-Mahdi

Lead Specialist Critical Care Pharmacist

Sarraa is a friend, peer and colleague. She is an inspiration, exceptional leader and is so passionate about pharmacy and critical care. She is Pharmacist member of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine. As a proud black woman, she models exceptional professionalism and leadership. She is well respected and sort after for her clinical knowledge by the greater MDT. She is a great ambassador for pharmacy.

Patricia Tigenoah-Ojo

Community Pharmacist

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Patricia is a nurse turned pharmacist who took the brave step to own her own pharmacy. As an independent contractor she has worked hard to engage with her population and offers a wide range of services including covid vaccination. She is also a member of the RPharmS Community Pharmacy group.

Louis Ovonlen

Lead Specialist Mental Health Pharmacist

I know Louis through the CPhO pharmacy leaders programme. Louis leads on community mental health service integration across South East London with a focus on tackling health inequalities and parity of esteem. His leadership challenge has successfully raised the profile of pharmacy in mental health service provision attracting investment to increase the pharmacy team to deliver services in the community.

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Sherifat Muhammad Kamal

Specialist Pharmacist



Sherifat has recently been made a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for her outstanding contribution to pharmacy and her tireless work among women's groups. She has been a wonderful speaker for women's rights.

Sedina Agama

Chief Pharmacist

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Sedina is an ultimate role model. She has a great reputation in Merton where she has worked hard to be the 'go to person' for anything medicines optimisation related. She has a can-do attitude and is a huge asset to the profession.

Shola Adesegun

Lead Pharmacy Aseptic Technician



With 27 years in healthcare, Shola Adesegun, Lead Pharmacy Aseptic Technician, has made significant contributions to the NHS. She demonstrates compassion and authentic leadership, creating a positive impact on staff development. With NVQ Level 3, A1 NVQ Assessor, and Product Approval program qualifications, she is dedicated to self development and team growth. Shola's commitment to top-quality patient care has led to the implementation of changes for medicine optimisation, compliance in older adults and QT interval checks, along with winning awards for raising sickle cell awareness at HMP Prison.

Ifesinachi Anyamene

Community Pharmacist

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Ifesinachi is a community Pharmacy owner in Croydon. She is also an active member of Croydon's Local Pharmaceutical Committee. She is passionate about employing and mentoring people from diverse communities. She runs a successful covid vaccination clinic in her pharmacy and is an asset to her local community.

Tase Oputu

Chair of RPS in England



Tase is a humble, respectful, courageous pharmacy professional who leads with integrity. She shows up and speaks up, calling out discrimination and championing inclusion. She has sought out opportunities to achieve racial equity in the profession, from being involved with IPP work to stepping up and taking action within professional leadership bodies & groups. She is a role model who truly cares about dismantling systemic barriers and making a difference, evidenced by the work that she does in this space outside of the profession as well as within it.

Stephanie Gharthey

Advanced Specialist Pharmacist

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We met during our Chief Pharmacist Officer (CPhO) clinical fellowship. Stephanie has been a beacon of change, using her platform to speak out against EDI issues and promote a more inclusive environment. In addition, one of the first Advanced Clinical Practitioners in acute-medicine, highlighting her commitment to clinical excellence for all, including setting up new emergency pathways for sickle-cell patients. Stephanie's successful completion of the CPhO fellowship showcases her dedication to advancing pharmacy whereby she trailblazed in the digital realm by leading masterclasses, equipping colleagues with essential digital skills.

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Cherise Gyimah

Delivery and Policy lead



Cherise is selfless and the most supportive individual I have ever come across in my pharmacy career. She is always looking to help you up, push you forward and support you on your journey no matter what. I admire her and she is value to the profession.

Andrea Okoloekwe

Deputy Chief Pharmacist



Andrea is empowering. She has helped ensure that no senior strategy discussion takes place at the East London NHS Foundation Trust without pharmacy being present at the table.

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Diane Ashiru-Oredope

RPS Deputy Chief Scientist



Diane is a woman who moves mountains, as a Black woman who has made significant contributions to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields by amplifying the emerging & growing problems in antimicrobial resistance.

Esther Makanju

Associate Chief Pharmacist – Clinical Trials



Esther is a dedicated, supportive and compassionate leader of the Clinical Trial Pharmacy Team at King's College Hospital. Esther's impact in the research world is far reaching at both local and national levels, having her name on research papers and introducing new working models. She is an inspiration not only to myself but to everyone she works with and the department has grown from strength to strength. Esther's motivates us all to be the best that we can be professionally.

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Elsy Gomez Campos

President, UK Black Pharmacists Network



Elsy established the UK Black Pharmacists Network amid a series of professional hurdles she encountered at work. Despite any difficulties that are thrown her way, she persists in steering the organisation forward.

Mark Anyaegbuna

Chief executive officer– Kent LPC

Mark's commitment and passion for integrating community pharmacy into the wider system to support the patients of Kent & Medway is an inspiration. I enjoy Mark's drive to innovate and think outside of the box for new solutions. There are not many things that Mark doesn't know about the world of community pharmacy, and I am grateful for his ongoing coaching and support into understanding the sector and how we can make the most of it in our area.

Waheedat Owodeyi

Owner of PharmacyExprezz



Waheedat, a black female pharmacy owner, offers online dispensing and a variety of NHS and clinical services. Over six years, her pharmacy introduced new medication services, emergency contraception, smoking cessation, NHS health checks, and flu vaccinations. Additionally, she provides private services like travel vaccinations, earwax removal, and weight management. In 2022, she led the only pharmacy-based COVID-19 vaccination center in town, administering 11,000+ vaccines. She also runs a successful flu vaccination campaign, increasing uptake by up to 80% in 2021 by visiting 25 local care homes.

Lola Babalola

Deputy Head of Radiopharmacy

Lola is an inspirational pharmacist. She has worked in one of the largest clinical trials departments and excelled in all she did. She is held in high regard by her team members and clinicians she works with. She has supported and developed countless team members to achieve their best potential. She is kind and thoughtful and she goes above and beyond in all she puts her mind to. She always works to an exceptional high standard to ensure the best for patients. During the covid pandemic she led the covid medicines and vaccination service, she demonstrated true collaborative working within the multidisciplinary team. She was always calm, helpful and respectful even when things were hard or complex. She is a true role model!

Joy Grange

Clinical Pharmacy Technician

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Joy is an experienced, clinical pharmacy technician and educator, who has expertly trained many pharmacy professionals in the practice of person-centred, medicines optimisation. She is patient, knowledgeable and passionate about what the profession can offer to people who need to access pharmacy services. She encourages people to be the best that they can be and supports them to achieve their goals, going above & beyond by sacrificing her time and energy to ensure others' needs are met.

Bolade Onilari

Pharmacy Manager



Bolade is a community pharmacy manager and a great champion and ally for women in both pharmacy and medicine. He takes the time to publicly elevate the work of women and proactively supports them. He is also the founder of Sickle Cell Mentorship a platform to support and inspire people living with sickle cell disease.

Althea Smith

Skincare Pharmacist

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Althea is hugely passionate about skincare and in particular supporting people of colour with their specific skincare needs. She has made her lifelong dream to create a clinic to help people of colour a reality and is working tirelessly to develop its offerings.

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Jane Akodu

Lead Pharmacist – HIV

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Jane Akodu's remarkable leadership at the Royal Free Hospital is truly commendable. Her transformative impact on the HIV department reflects her unwavering dedication to improving patient care. Her passion for people shines through as she seamlessly imparts education and training to her colleagues. Jane's commitment to both patients and service delivery sets a high standard, making her a role model in the healthcare field. Her ability to inspire positive change and her natural talent for education make her a valuable asset to the healthcare community.

Bola Sotubo

Medicines Optimisation Transformation Manager

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Bola is a multi-talented and multi-tasking woman! She works two jobs effortlessly as she works part time in her family's community Pharmacy and has a ICB role too. She is also an experienced coach and mentor, a role which she relishes.

Jennifer Williams

Foundation Pharmacy Training Program Facilitator

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Jennifer doesn't know her own amazingness. I have worked with Jennifer at NHS England as part of the Midlands Pharmacy team. Jennifer is a true role model for trainee pharmacists both in her professional and personal life. As a new mother, Jennifer set up a mother and baby group for black mothers in Leicester – ARISE (Alleviating Racial Inequality through Support Empowerment and Education) which aims to reduce health inequalities by focusing on maternal support, wellbeing and education.

Lola Ogungbangbe

Clinical Pharmacist

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Lola is an extremely dedicated pharmacist who shows dedication to any task she is set. Lola has made an impact in mental health by developing staff, sharing her learning with colleagues in and out of her own organisational and supporting patients. Lola is an exemplar colleague and pharmacist, with a wealth of experience!

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Titilayo Alagbe

Head of Pharmacy GenesisCare UK



Titilayo stands as a beacon of inspiration in oncology pharmacy, leaving an indelible mark on the field. Her profound influence is not only evident through her extensive contributions but also her role as a shining role model for black pharmacists hoping to have a career in Cancer Care.

Remi Adeyemi

Research Scientist

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Remi Adeyemi (PhD) has been working hard in the field of pharmacy and specifically doing a lot of research in pharmaceutical manufacturing studying the effect of particle size on the of powders in the making of and strength of tablets and other formulations in pharmacy. She has published quality research results in reputable journals of pharmacy.