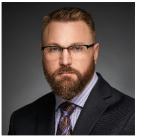


Neil Barrington

Supply Chain Manager



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Supply chain manager with ten years of experience in FMCG and e-commerce fulfilment. Currently managing end-to-end supply chain operations at Boots, overseeing a network of 3 distribution centres serving 2,200+ stores. Previously held planning and procurement roles at Ocado and Unilever. Comfortable with demand forecasting, supplier negotiations, and warehouse optimisation — saved £2.8 million in logistics costs last year through network redesign.

■ EXPERIENCE

Supply Chain Manager, Boots UK, Nottingham

Jun 2021 – Present

Manage supply chain operations across 3 distribution centres serving the entire Boots store network.

- Oversee inbound and outbound logistics for **2,200+ stores** with annual throughput of £1.4 billion at cost
- Led a distribution network review that **saved £2.8 million annually** by consolidating two DCs and renegotiating haulage contracts
- Manage relationships with **180+ suppliers** — renegotiated payment terms and minimum order quantities across 40 key accounts
- Implemented a demand sensing tool that reduced **forecast error from 28% to 19%** across health and beauty categories

Supply Planning Manager, Ocado Group, Hatfield

Sep 2018 – May 2021

Led supply planning for chilled and fresh categories across 3 customer fulfilment centres.

- Managed replenishment planning for **4,500 chilled SKUs** with an average shelf life of 5 days — maintained availability above 97.2%
- Built a waste reduction programme that cut chilled waste from **3.1% to 1.8%** of sales over 18 months, saving £1.6 million
- Supervised a team of **6 supply planners** and introduced a weekly forecast accuracy review process
- Coordinated with Ocado's technology team on **automated ordering algorithms** — provided the business rules for 12 category-level models

Procurement Analyst, Unilever, Leatherhead

Sep 2015 – Aug 2018

Procurement analysis and supplier management for the Home Care division (Persil, Domestos, Cif).

- Analysed spend data across **£120 million** of raw material procurement and identified £1.2 million in consolidation savings
- Supported sourcing negotiations for **packaging materials** — managed RFPs with 8 suppliers across Europe
- Built Power BI dashboards tracking supplier performance — **delivery accuracy, lead time, and cost variance** across 45 suppliers

Graduate Supply Chain Analyst, Unilever, Leatherhead

Sep 2014 – Aug 2015

Part of the Unilever Future Leaders Programme, rotating through supply chain functions.

- Completed rotations in **demand planning, procurement, and warehouse operations** over 12 months
- Mapped the end-to-end supply chain for a **new product launch** (Persil Bio capsules) — coordinated timelines across 4 functions

■ EDUCATION

BSc (Hons) in Industrial Economics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham

Sep 2011 – Jun 2014

Upper Second Class Honours. Modules in operations management, logistics, and econometrics. Dissertation on supplier relationship management in UK automotive manufacturing.

■ SKILLS

End-to-End Supply Chain Management • Demand Planning & Forecasting • Supplier Negotiation & Management • Distribution Network Optimisation • SAP (MM, PP, APO) • Power BI & Advanced Excel • Warehouse & Inventory Management • Contract & Procurement Management • S&OP Process • Team Leadership (6+ reports)

■ CERTIFICATIONS

CIPS Level 4 Diploma in Procurement and Supply, Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply

Mar 2017 – Jun 2018

APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP), ASCM (Association for Supply Chain Management)

Nov 2020

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, British Quality Foundation

Jun 2019

■ LANGUAGES

English (native)

■ PROJECTS

Distribution Network Consolidation – Boots UK

Sep 2022 – Jun 2023

Led a project to consolidate the Boots distribution network from 4 DCs to 3.

- Modelled delivery routes and capacity requirements — closed the **Wakefield DC** and redistributed volume to Nottingham and Burton
- Renegotiated haulage contracts with **3 carriers** to handle the revised network — achieved 12% cost reduction on linehaul
- Annual saving of **£2.8 million** with no measurable impact on store delivery windows

Chilled Waste Reduction – Ocado

Built a programme to reduce waste in chilled categories across 3 fulfilment centres.

- Analysed 18 months of waste data and identified **dairy and prepared meals** as the two worst categories
- Adjusted safety stock levels and introduced dynamic ordering based on day-of-week demand patterns
- Cut chilled waste from **3.1% to 1.8%** of sales — saving £1.6 million per year

■ REFERENCES

Diane Foster, Director of Supply Chain, Boots UK, diane.foster@boots.co.uk, +44 7700 900 556

Mark Rennison, Head of Supply Planning, Ocado Group, mark.rennison@ocado.com, +44 7700 900 667

■ EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Guest Lecturer – University of Nottingham

Jan 2023

Deliver 2 guest lectures per year to final-year Industrial Economics students on supply chain strategy. Cover real-world case studies from FMCG distribution and e-commerce fulfilment.

Trustee – Nottingham Community Food Hub

Jun 2022

Board trustee for a local food redistribution charity. Help with logistics planning for weekly collections from 8 supermarkets, distributing to 12 community centres. The hub feeds around 600 families per week.