

## Review of the Continuing Professional Development Year 2008/09



Post-Registration Facilitator Dr. Deirdre McAree reviews the results achieved in the CPD year 2008/09

The first of the 2008/09 CPD results were released to pharmacists by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The results were once again very good and demonstrate that the vast majority of pharmacists are meeting the standard for CPD.

A total of 237 portfolios were assessed and 53.2% (n=126) of pharmacists achieved option 1, 18.2% (n=43) achieved option 2, 14.3% (n=34) achieved option 3 and 14.3% (n=34) achieved the option 4 result.

A second period of assessment is underway and any other pharmacists selected in June 2009 to submit their CPD portfolios should receive their feedback by the end of January 2010.

Comparison of the last two full years' results shows that pharmacists are becoming more familiar with the CPD system and the criteria to be fulfilled in order to meet standard as the bar chart shows. The % of pharmacists not meeting the standard fell from 28.6% in 2006-07 to 14% in 2007-08. With further support and practise, it is hoped that this trend will continue.

### CPD feedback report

All pharmacists receive a personalised report detailing how they have performed against the evaluation criteria (<http://www.psn.org.uk/professionals/continuing-professional-development/cpd-evaluation.php>).

The report comprises a number of sections:

**Page 1** Pharmacist's Name, Registration number and details of the number of hours of learning. There is also some detail on the

assessment process and an explanation of each "option" (1-4)

**Page 2** Information on the pharmacist's personal result with details of any CPD cycles which have not met the evaluation criteria. A table is included detailing the portfolio statistics.

All of the evaluation criteria are listed against the percentage of cycles that met these criteria.

From this table (and the subsequent feedback), pharmacists should be able to identify any areas requiring further development when documenting their CPD. If unscheduled learning cycles have been included, a similar table will present statistics relating to these cycles also.

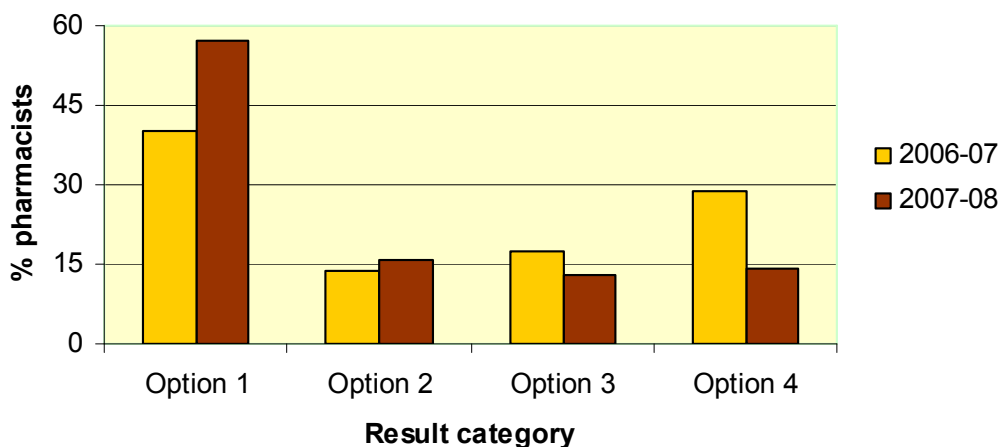
**Page 3** This includes both general and specific feedback on the portfolio cycles. The amount of detail included by assessors in this part of the report will depend on how much feedback is required.

Where the portfolio clearly meets the evaluation criteria, it is unnecessary for assessors to provide additional feedback.

Where additional feedback is of value (e.g. when it will guide pharmacists for future documentation of CPD cycles), assessors will provide further comments, often relating to individual cycles.

If you have any comments or queries regarding the report, please do not hesitate to get in contact either by telephone (028 9032 6927) or by email at [deirdre.mcaree@psni.org.uk](mailto:deirdre.mcaree@psni.org.uk)

### Comparison of CPD results 2006-07 and 2007-08



**Comparison of CPD results achieved over the last two full CPD cycles demonstrate that more pharmacists are achieving the standard.**