



Wednesday 25th November 2009

Hospital Pharmacist Ms Ann Bowen elected President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland

Hospital Pharmacist, Ms Ann Bowen, has been elected President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland. As President, she will help lead Council, and the organisation, through the remainder of its modernisation programme. Speaking after her election, Ms Bowen said:

"I am delighted and honoured to take up this position at the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland. It is an exciting time to be President. Much has been achieved at the Society over the last years with a number of key modernisation projects coming to fruition, but more remains to be realised and I particularly look forward to seeing the passage of new legislation to update our regulatory toolkit. This will enable us to protect public safety to the highest standards.

The formal creation of our Professional Forum for pharmacy in Northern Ireland in 2010 will also offer a bright new start to how the profession coordinates and conveys itself in Northern Ireland.

With other challenges to be met, such as the development of revalidation proposals, and our interaction and partnership with the constantly evolving devolved institutions, I have little doubt we will all continue to be kept very busy in pursuing our aim of delivering a uniquely accessible, flexible and accountable local regulatory model for pharmacy in Northern Ireland.

Finally, I would like also to convey my great gratitude to outgoing President Raymond Anderson. He has given enormous leadership and insight over the last years, steering the organisation through a formidable reform agenda. I am sure that the new officer team will do credit to that inheritance."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland is the regulatory and professional body for pharmacy in Northern Ireland. Its principal objective is the protection of patient safety in the provision of pharmacy services in Northern Ireland. It also seeks to develop the pharmacy profession in the public interest.
2. Ms Ann Bowen was elected President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland at its Council meeting on Thursday 19th November 2009. Mr Mark Nelson was elected Vice-President and Mr Paul Kelly was elected Hon. Treasurer.
3. Ms Ann Bowen (or another spokesperson from the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland) will be available for interview throughout Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November. Contact should be made with Mark Neale in the first instance on 02890 326 927 or 07854 004 884 to arrange this.