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Pharmaceutical Society Registrar condemns latest attack on Pharmacist in Belfast.

Speaking today, following the latest attack and robbery of a community pharmacy in Belfast, Mr Brendan Kerr, Registrar of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland said;

“We absolute abhor the violence used against a community pharmacist during a robbery yesterday in Belfast. Community Pharmacy is widely recognised for its accessibility and the vital role it plays in the heart of many communities. Attacks of this nature should be seen in a similar light to attacks on ambulance staff at the roadside or attacks on nurses and doctors in accident and emergency departments. All such attacks may reduce access to medications and services to all patients.”

We would call for greater police vigilance and the assistance of the community to reject all such attacks and as with other forms of attack on healthcare professionals; we call on everyone to show zero tolerance to these attacks”

“Having spoken to the pharmacist involved in the latest incidence, I was impressed by his and his staff’s professionalism and their commitment to their patients that in spite of what happened yesterday; today they are back at work providing the service that is essential to both the public and the patients of this area”

In conclusion Mr Kerr reiterated a warning about the misuse of medication “All medication have a risk profile and prescription medicines are on restricted supply because they are only suitable for the treatment of certain conditions. The adage “of the right medicine, to the right patient at the right time” still applies and any inappropriate use poses serious risks including death.”

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