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**Ref: Consultation on Draft Code of Conduct**

Dear Registrant

The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland is now consulting on the draft *Code of Conduct* for all registrants, the final version of which will replace the existing *Code of Ethics (2009)*.

The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland is required by the Pharmacy (1976 Order) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012, Schedule 3, Fitness to Practise 1 (1a) to '*set standards relating to the conduct, ethics and performance expected of a registered person.*'

The existing *Code of Ethics* has been in use for five years and in that time new legislation has been introduced, pharmacy practice has changed and the focus of healthcare regulation throughout the United Kingdom has evolved. We have therefore undertaken an extensive process, with stakeholders, of reviewing and updating the current *Code of Ethics* and we would welcome your views on the draft outcome of this work.

The final *Code of Conduct* will underpin all other professional standards and guidance documents issued by the regulator.

The *Code of Conduct* is intended to guide and support registrants in their area of practice, professional development and decision-making. It aims to facilitate innovation and development of pharmacy practice whilst ensuring the consistent delivery of professional standards.

Our consultation seeks your views on the draft Code, in particular, whether it covers all areas of pharmacy practise and professional roles and is clear, unambiguous and easy to put into practice.

**Consultation process**

The full consultation document and supplementary questionnaire can be accessed online on the Pharmaceutical Society NI website: <http://www.psni.org.uk/publications/consultations/>

Responses should preferably be returned electronically to [mark.neale@psni.org.uk](mailto:mark.neale@psni.org.uk) by 12 noon on 11 May 2015 – hard copy responses may be sent to Mark Neale at the address on this correspondence by the same date and time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Patterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'P'.

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