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Consultation on Guidance for professional indemnity cover and registration

Dear registrant,

The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland is now consulting on draft guidance for registrants on the statutory requirement to have appropriate indemnity cover as a condition of registration.

This requirement was introduced by the Northern Ireland Assembly in November 2013 via the Pharmacy (1976 Order) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013. This was necessary in order to comply with the requirements of Article 4(2) (d) of EU Directive 2011/24/EU on Patients' Rights in Cross Border Healthcare.

Our consultation on the draft guidance runs in line with the DHSSPS consultation¹ on enabling regulations to support the introduction of this statutory requirement.

Subject to legislative approval, it is anticipated that from 1 June 2014, there will be a statutory requirement for registrants to have professional indemnity cover in place appropriate for their practice.

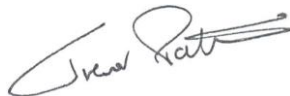
Therefore, in preparation for this requirement we have produced draft guidance so that registrants are aware of their responsibilities. We want to hear your views and would strongly encourage you to respond to this consultation. It is important that the guidance is clear, appropriate and easy to understand.

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 Michelle McCorry michelle.mccorry@psni.org.uk by 2 April 2014.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ DHSSPS Consultation on the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (Indemnity arrangements) draft regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014
<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/showconsultations?txtid=66411>