

**OUTCOME OF FITNESS
TO PRACTISE HEARING**

Case Number	2009/01
Name	Mr Stephen Graham Twibill
Registration Number	2227
Date of Hearing	17 June 2009
The Notice of Allegation	<p>The Statutory Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland received notification that on 10 October 2008, Mr Stephen Graham Twibill pleaded guilty to and was convicted of a number of offences in contravention of the Protection of Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and the Criminal Justice (Evidence, etc) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988, including the production and possession of indecent photographs of children. A custodial sentence was imposed as a result of the convictions.</p> <p>On 24 November 2008 the Police Service of Northern Ireland obtained a Sexual Offences Prevention Order under section 104 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 prohibiting Mr Twibill from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accessing the internet except at a place of employment and as supervised by an employer; • directly or indirectly initiating communication with or initiating access to children unless approved by Social Services; and, • being within 50 metres of any facilities designed specifically for children's education or play without prior notification and approval of a designated risk manager or Social Services.
Determination	<p>The Chairman of the Statutory Committee detailed that by the actions which led to his conviction on 10 October 2008 and the subsequent Sexual Offences Prevention Order dated 24 November 2008 Mr Twibull failed to comply with the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland's Code of Ethics; brought the profession into disrepute; and, undermined public confidence in the profession.</p> <p>The Committee determined Mr Twibull's removal from the register of pharmacists in Northern Ireland with no application for restoration to the Register to be entertained for 15 years.</p>
Time Scale for Enactment	Removal from the register is to be enacted on 19 September 2009, 3 months after the statutory notice of outcome, subject to any appeal process
Chair of Committee	Mr Tim Ferris QC
Members of the Fitness to Practise Committee	Mr Tim Ferris QC (in the chair) Dr Terence Maguire Ms Hilary Rea Mr Andrew Thomson Mr Roy Junkin Ms Miriam Karp
Society Counsel	Mr John Paul Shields, instructed by Aaron Moore (Cleaver Fulton Rankin)
Registrant Counsel	Mr David Sharpe, instructed by Stephen Mearns
Clerk of Committee	Mr Brendan Kerr