

To: All registrants

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Dear Registrant

The statutory legislation relating to Continuing Professional Development for registered pharmacists in Northern Ireland came into operation with the amendment Order<sup>1</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 and was supplemented by regulations<sup>2</sup> coming into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013.

The outcome is the commencement of Continuing Professional Development in a statutory model from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013. The Pharmaceutical Society NI was obligated to produce a 'framework' after consultation, and this correspondence details the outcome of the process.

The framework for Continuing Professional Development is published on our website at <http://www.psni.org.uk/about/code-of-ethics-and-standards/> in addition we have provided a summary of the consultation responses which led to the production of the framework.

The process now established, is based on the Continuing Professional Development model that has operated over the last seven years and the evidence shows high levels of compliance and successful completion by registrants.

Please read the framework document fully to establish your responsibilities and plan your learning and submission for 2013-14, when all registrants will be required to submit their portfolio records, a sample of which will be assessed.

In June and September we will be running a series of information evenings to explain the framework and how this relates to your Continuing Professional Development.

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<sup>1</sup> The Pharmacy (1976 Order) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

<sup>2</sup> The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (Continuing Professional Development) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

The first of these evenings will be:

Belfast – Society House – 11<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm

Coleraine – Bushtown Hotel – 18<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

If you have any additional questions please refer to the website and thereafter contact Michelle McCorry<sup>3</sup>, Post-Registration Lead if you need to clarify any issue further.

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