

**OUTCOME OF FITNESS
TO PRACTISE HEARING**

Case Number	2010/01
Name	Mr Jeffrey Paul Reaney
Registration Number	2317
Date of Hearing	12 th April 2010
The Notice of Allegation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That you were at the relevant time, and continue to be the Superintendent of V.E. Reaney Pharmacy. It is alleged that on 14 March 2009 an unidentified person working in the Pharmacy, prepared and then supplied an unlicensed colic mixture to a female customer. It was known to the person who supplied the mixture that the preparation would be for the use of an infant aged 3 weeks. The mixture contained Merbentyl Syrup which is contraindicated in children under six months. 2. The mixture supplied to the vulnerable patient had insufficient labelling in contravention of the Medicines Labelling Regulations 1976 in failing to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Patient Name; 2.2 Ingredients of the product; 2.3 A specific dosage; 2.4 Instructions and any warning as to use; or 2.5 Expiry Date. 3. Dispensing a prescription only medicine (POM) without any or any valid prescription. 4. By your admission at interview, prior to this single, specifically identified incident on 14th March 2008, similar or other mixtures have been prepared and supplied by you, and to your knowledge by others working in your Pharmacy, without being properly labelled. 5. That you failed to co-operate with another healthcare professional who was making a legitimate enquiry regarding the ingredients of the mixture supplied for the use by a vulnerable patient by a person working in the Pharmacy. 6. You failed to comply with the following principles and associated obligations of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland's Code of Ethics and Practice; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Principle 1 – A pharmacist's prime concern must be for the welfare of both the patient and other members of the public. 6.2. Principle 2 – A pharmacist must uphold the honour and dignity of the profession and not engage in any activity which

	<p>may bring the profession into disrepute.</p> <p>6.3. Principle 3 - A pharmacist must at all times have regard to the laws and regulations applicable to a pharmaceutical practice and maintain a high standard of professional conduct. A pharmacist must avoid any act or omission which would impair confidence in the pharmaceutical profession. When a pharmaceutical service is provided, a pharmacist must ensure that it is efficient.</p> <p>6.4. Principle 9: A pharmacist must at all times endeavour to co-operate with professional colleagues and members of other health professions so that patients and the public may benefit.</p> <p>7. By your acts or omissions as the superintendent pharmacist or personally you have (a) brought the profession into disrepute, (b) failed, on a professional basis, to observe the principles set out above and (c) undermined public confidence in the profession.</p> <p>The Committee met at 73 University Street Belfast BT7 1HL for the purpose of making Inquiry into the case and ascertaining the facts in relation to the matters listed, and subject to the provisions of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 to consider directing the removal of Mr Reaney from the Register.</p>
Determination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Having regard to all those matters and to the duty to be proportionate in the decision the Committee was of the view that it would <u>not</u> be proportionate to the offence which is described, to strike Mr Reaney off the Register ○ The Committee after inquiring into this matter considered that Mr Reaney's actions as superintendent constituted misconduct such as to impair his fitness to practise as a pharmacist. ○ The Committee noted his assurances that no such production of unlicensed medicines will occur again at the registered premises ○ The Committee noted he has reviewed the standard operating procedures of the pharmacy ○ Consideration was also made of Mr Reaneys previous good record and the character testimonials supplied
Time Scale for Enactment	Immediate
Chair of Committee	Mr Tim Ferris QC
Members of the	Mr Tim Ferris QC (in the chair)

Fitness to Practise Committee	Dr Terence Maguire Ms Hilary Rea Mr Roy Junkin Ms Miriam Karp Mr Andrew Thomson
Society Counsel	Mr John Paul Shields, instructed by Aaron Moore (Cleaver Fulton Rankin)
Registrant Counsel	Mr Martin Wolf, instructed by D Moffitt(Shean Dickson Merrick)
Clerk of Committee	Mr Brendan Kerr