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## Consultation on the CPD framework part 2

Dear registrant,

As you are aware in June 2013 CPD became a statutory requirement for all pharmacists remaining on the Register.

The CPD framework part 1 was published in May 2013 and this reflected the CPD regulations as made by the Assembly in August 2012. However, it was immediately recognised that within the regulations no provision had been made to allow a registered person to request a hearing.

To address this, in February 2013 the DHSSPS published amendments to the regulations which were consulted upon.<sup>1</sup> The amended CPD regulations came into operation on 31 May 2013.

The Pharmaceutical Society NI is now pleased to launch the CPD framework part 2 consultation which sets out how we, as a regulator will implement the processes necessary to fulfil these legislative requirements.

Within this we are seeking your views on:

- How the Pharmaceutical Society NI will manage application process for extenuating circumstances
- Requirements necessary for restoration to the Register after non-compliance with CPD requirements.

In the document we also detail the procedure for making an appeal and outline the circumstances in which registrants will be regarded as having failed to comply with the requirements and conditions of the CPD framework.

We are also inviting comments on a proposed change that will allow registrants to record some or all of their learning activity in the evaluation stage of the CPD cycle as either 'future application of learning' and/or 'simulation'.

The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society NI has recognised there may be difficulty or limited opportunities for some registrants to apply their learning in their practice and thereby complete or 'close' the CPD cycle within a CPD year.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/showconsultations?txtid=60977>

As a consequence, the regulator is proposing to remove the 25% 'cap' on recording learning activity in the evaluation stage of the CPD cycle as either 'future application of learning' and/or 'simulation'. This means that the evaluation stage in all CPD cycle entries may be recorded in this way if it is not possible to complete or 'close' cycles in practice.'

### **Consultation process**

Should you wish to take part in this consultation the document and 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](mailto:michelle.mccorry@psni.org.uk) by 23 January 2014.

During this consultation we will aim to keep our stakeholders informed and engaged in the process by running regional information events and making available a webcast presentation on the website.

We strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to make your views known and respond to this consultation.

Yours sincerely,



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