

## **ANNOUNCEMENT FROM LAURA HUGHES, REGISTRAR**

In May 2020, the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society NI (Council) decided to postpone CPD submissions from 31 May 2020 for CPD year 2019/20 in response to pressures on the profession arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Subsequently, in June 2020, Council approved the CPD Submission date being set at 31 August 2020, thereby extending CPD year 2019/20 to 15 months. I am pleased to report that we had a submission rate of 98.4% and received some of the largest and most comprehensive portfolios in recent years.

As the above decisions are not reflected in the current CPD Framework and in order to return to a CPD submission date of 31 May, minor amendments have been made to CPD Year 2020/21, as follows:

- CPD Year **2020/21** will run for 9 months from 01 September 2020 – 31 May 2021;
- The time requirement for portfolio submissions will reduce as follows:
  - Full portfolio:** reduced to **22.5 hours** including 3.75 hours documentation time;
  - Partial portfolio:** reduced to **11.25 hours** including 2 hours documentation time.

Thank you for your continued professionalism and cooperation as we navigate through these exceptional times.

**Laura Hughes**

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