

Council meeting
Thursday 12 April 2012
Summary of decisions taken

This is an informal summary of the main decisions made at the April 2012 Council meeting. The full agenda and papers are available on our website at:

<http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/about-us/who-we-are/gphc-council/council-meetings>

Draft minutes of the meeting will be published as part of the papers for the Council meeting on 17 May 2012.

Review of Standard 3.4 religious or moral beliefs interim update

- The Council noted the internal review work that has been carried out and agreed that there was no immediate case for an early review. The standard should next be reviewed as part of the wider review of the standards of conduct, ethics and performance in 2013-14. In particular it was noted that in advance of that review, information would be gathered on enquiries or complaints received about Standard 3.4.

Revising the *Education Procedures for the Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians* – a Memorandum of Understanding with PSNI

- The Council agreed:
 - (i) a revised set of education procedures defining the collaborative working in accreditation between the GPhC and the PSNI for the initial education and training of pharmacists, and recognition of initial education and training for pharmacy technicians in Northern Ireland by the GPhC, subject to appropriate safeguards.
 - (ii) other clarifications and minor amendments to the procedures.

Consultation on draft amendments to rules

- The Council agreed the content of the consultation on draft amendments to rules with some minor drafting changes noted.

Statutory committee competences

- The Council agreed the revised statutory committee competences.

Fees for the exam (effective from June 2012) & pre-registration application (effective from July 2012)

- The Council agreed that the entry to the pre-registration scheme fee and the registration assessment entry fee be reduced to £142 and £182 respectively for the new pre-registration year (July 2012-June 2013) including the June 2012/September 2012 exams.

Review of Scheme of Delegation

- The Council approved the revised version of the Scheme of Delegation with the exception of final approval of the appointment of the Chief Executive & Registrar to remain reserved to Council.

Review of Raising Concerns policy

- The Council approved the revised version of the Raising Concerns policy.

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