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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on the Proposed Draft Police Act 1997 and Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) is the independent regulator for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy premises in Great Britain. It is our job to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and wellbeing of members of the public by upholding standards and public trust in pharmacy. Our principal functions include:

- approving qualifications for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians and accrediting education and training providers;
- maintaining a register of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy premises;
- setting standards for conduct, ethics, proficiency, education and training, and continuing professional development (CPD);
- establishing and promoting standards for the safe and effective practice of pharmacy at registered pharmacies;
- establishing fitness to practise requirements, monitoring pharmacy professionals' fitness to practise and dealing fairly and proportionately with complaints and concerns.

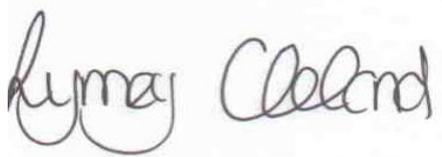
We welcome the opportunity to respond to the Proposed Draft Police Act 1997 and Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018.

Having reviewed the proposed amendments to legislation we are of the view that the proposals are unlikely to have any adverse implications for our work to regulate pharmacy professionals, particularly given the specific circumstances in which an individual can seek removal of conviction information from their disclosure and the fact that each application will be considered on a case by case basis by a sheriff

who will need to be satisfied that the conviction is not relevant to the purpose of the disclosure, or for PVG disclosures, is not relevant to regulated work with children and protected adults.

We look forward to continuing to work with Disclosure Scotland on areas of mutual interest to our respective functions and would be happy to discuss the points raised in this response, or any other aspects of the GPhC's work. If this would be of help to you please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynsey Cleland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

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