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Dear Louise

Voluntary withdrawal of the pharmacy technician knowledge-based course offered by the National Pharmacy Association (NPA) and teach out arrangements

Further to the review of your teach out submission undertaken by the accreditation team, I can confirm that the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) is satisfied that the NPA has taken the appropriate steps in order to ensure that trainees currently enrolled on the course will not be disadvantaged; and will receive the appropriate knowledge, skills and training required to be eligible to enter onto GPhC register. This process followed the *Guidance on voluntary closure of a GPhC-accredited course or recognised qualification for pharmacy technicians – December 2019*.

Please take this letter as formal notification under Article 47 (6b) and (9) of the Pharmacy Order 2010 that the NPA will no longer be able to enrol trainees onto the pharmacy technician knowledge-based course as of 11:59pm on 29/02/2020. Any trainees enrolled onto the course prior to this date are permitted up until 28/02/2023 to complete the course under the teach out arrangements agreed between the NPA and GPhC. Trainees must apply for registration as a pharmacy technician within five calendar years of commencement on a recognised course, or within two years of completing the last recognised course, whichever is sooner.

Please be aware that this letter will be published on the GPhC website for the entirety of the teach out period offered by the NPA.

Yours sincerely



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