

Web Notice of Interim Order Proceedings before the Statutory Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland

Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976
The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (Fitness to Practise and Disqualification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

IN THE MATTER OF GERARD CULLINAN (3180)

- The Statutory Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society NI (“the Statutory Committee”) made an interim conditions order in respect of Gerard Cullinan on 01 July 2020 for a period of 18 months.
- The interim conditions order was reviewed by the Statutory Committee on 15 December 2020 and continued in the same terms.
- The Statutory Committee reviewed and varied the terms of the interim conditions order on 25 May 2021.
- The Statutory Committee met again on 19 November 2021 to review the interim conditions order, which was set to expire on 25 November 2021. The Statutory Committee extended the existing interim conditions order to 01 January 2022.
- The interim conditions order was extended by the High Court of Northern Ireland for the first time on 15 December 2021 for a period of 12 months from 01 January 2022.
- On 15 September 2022, the Statutory Committee reviewed and continued the interim conditions order.
- The interim conditions order was extended by the High Court of Northern Ireland for the second time on 15 December 2022 for a period of twelve months from 31st December 2022.
- The Statutory Committee reviewed the interim conditions order again on 24 March 2023 and confirmed and continued the existing order for a period of six months to 24 September 2023.
- The Statutory Committee further reviewed the interim conditions order on 22 September 2023 and agreed that the existing order should remain in force until 01 January 2024, or until further review.
- The interim conditions order was extended by the High Court of Northern Ireland for a third time on 13 December 2023 for a period of 12 months from 31 December 2023.

- The Statutory Committee reviewed the interim conditions order again on 21 March 2024 and confirmed and continued the existing order.
- On 05 September 2024, the Statutory Committee reviewed and continued the existing interim conditions order without any modification of the terms.
- The interim conditions order was extended by the High Court of Northern Ireland for a fourth time on 17 December 2024 for a period of 12 months from 30 December 2024.
- On 27 February 2025, the Statutory Committee reviewed and continued the existing interim conditions order without any modification of the terms.

A copy of the terms of the current interim conditions order is appended to this web notice.

Conditions

1. To notify the following people, in writing, in relation to any work (whether paid or unpaid) for which registration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland is required, of the restrictions imposed on your pharmacy practice:

- All employers or contractors
- Prospective employers or contractors
- Agents acting on behalf of employers and locum agencies
- Health and Social Care Board
- Accountable Officer for Controlled drugs at your Regional Board, HSC Trust or Independent Hospital
- Superintendent Pharmacist

- Responsible Pharmacist
- Line Manager
- Workplace supervisor

In the case of prospective employers, this notification must be given at the time of application.

2. To notify the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland before undertaking any position for which registration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland is required and to provide the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland with the contact details of your employer, superintendent pharmacist or pharmacist owner.
3. To consent to the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland exchanging information with your employer, any locum agency, Health and Social Care Board or any other person or organisation for who you provide services that require registration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland.
4. To inform the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland if you apply to work as a pharmacist/pharmacy technician outside of Northern Ireland.

5. To complete and maintain a log detailing every, dispensing or supply of a controlled drug made by you pursuant to condition 10.¹ To provide a copy of this log to the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland every two months, or alternatively, to confirm that there has been no such order, dispensing or supply.
6. Not to work as a sole practitioner/Superintendent Pharmacist/responsible pharmacist.
7. To employ a full-time pharmacist to act as Superintendent Pharmacist (such person to be approved by the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland) in Castlereagh Pharmacy, 339 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 6AB
8. To place yourself and remain under the direct supervision of a workplace supervisor/Superintendent Pharmacist (who shall be a registered pharmacist) whilst on pharmacy premises, such person to be approved by the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland.
9. To inform, in writing, the workplace supervisor/ Superintendent Pharmacist of all conditions imposed.
10. Not to make up, complete any check on or otherwise dispense any controlled drug or POM, unless under the direct supervision of your workplace supervisor/ Superintendent Pharmacist.
11. Not to order into the pharmacy, or otherwise place an order for, any controlled drug or POM.
12. To put in place a system whereby a contemporaneous record is maintained of who places an order for the supply into the pharmacy of any controlled drug or POM.
13. To arrange for your workplace supervisor/Superintendent Pharmacist to keep under review the controlled drugs register for Castlereagh Pharmacy, 339 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 6AB.
14. To arrange for your workplace supervisor/Superintendent Pharmacist to report directly to the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland immediately if there is any breach of these conditions, identifying the nature and extent of the breach.
15. To consent to the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland to exchange information with your workplace supervisor / Superintendent Pharmacist.
16. Not to enter, or be on, pharmacy premises situate at Castlereagh Pharmacy 339 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 6AB outside of normal business hours (i.e. 9am-6pm Monday to Saturday).
17. To have no involvement in the operation or management of any pharmacy, and in particular, Castlereagh Pharmacy 339 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 6AB and to relinquish all operational and managerial control of Castlereagh Pharmacy to the superintendent, save for matters involving employment of staff, payment of bills and PAYE matters.

18. To relinquish all keys and means of access to Castlereagh Pharmacy and to inform (in writing) the superintendent that you are not permitted to be on or have access to Castlereagh Pharmacy outside of normal business hours. A copy of the written notification to the superintendent shall be supplied to the Society on a forthwith basis.
19. To arrange for the superintendent, on a weekly basis, to provide a statement of compliance to the Society (to be provided on the Monday following the week to which the statement refers) certifying that you have not had any access to Castlereagh Pharmacy outside of normal business hours and have no managerial or operational control over the pharmacy, save for matters involving employment of staff, payment of bills and PAYE matters.

This interim Order may be subject to review by the Statutory Committee pursuant to Paragraph 8 (2)(b) of Schedule 3 of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.