

Response to questions in the first half of the survey

Set out below is a summary of the response to the first half of the questionnaire survey (relating to the Modernisation Steering Group's first paper).

The current Council structure is sustainable for a modern regulator and professional body

Strongly agree	130	7.5%
Agree	545	31%
Disagree	833	47.5%
Strongly disagree	221	12.5%

The Council should change its composition to fulfil the requirements for a modern regulatory body

Strongly agree	438	25%
Agree	925	52.5%
Disagree	268	15%
Strongly disagree	114	6.5%

If you agree, do you accept that changing its composition will mean that more lay members will join the Council?

Yes	931	53%
No	443	25%
Unanswered	386	22%

What should be the proportion of pharmacist members on the Council?

52%	75	4.5%
54%	61	3.5%
60%	616	35%
70%	19	1%
75%	139	8%
80%	180	10.5%
85%	31	2%
90%	48	2.5%
95%	8	0.5%
100%	493	28%

What should be the total number of members of Council?

Under 20	536	30.5%
20-30	1077	61%
Over 30	71	4%

The Council's constitution should allow for the inclusion of pharmacy technicians within its non-pharmacist membership?

Strongly agree	284	16%
Agree	688	39%
Disagree	423	24%
Strongly disagree	347	20%

Should the chief pharmaceutical officers of the Department of Health, the Government's Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales be invited to attend Council meetings?

Yes, as observers	335	19%
Yes, to debate but not vote	1,007	57%
Yes, as full voting members	216	12.5%
No	176	10%

Respondent's field of practice

Community	971	55%
Hospital	270	15.5%
Primary care	105	6%
Academia	55	3%
Industry	108	6%
Other	279	16%

Respondent's age

Under 25	23	1.5%
25-34	200	11.5%
35-44	351	20%
45-54	386	22%
55-64	332	19%
65 and over	431	24.5%

How the percentages were calculated This survey reflects a snapshot of the views of pharmacists. It has not been analysed rigorously. All percentages are based on the total sample of 1,760 and rounded to the nearest 0.5 per cent. Not all respondents answered all questions, and a few respondents gave unexpected answers. For example, a few said they accepted that more lay members

will join the Council and then said the Council should be made up of pharmacists alone (100 per cent). In the field of practice section the "Other" category embraced health authority personnel, consultants as well as retired pharmacists who did not specify a sector where they had worked. Other retired respondents were allocated to their former sector when it was specified.