

Law and ethics bulletin

Contact details for organisations that may help with pharmacists' queries

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Legal and Ethical Advisory Service has produced the following list of contact details for organisations that pharmacists may find useful when researching queries for which the advisory service is not an appropriate source of information.

Medicinal products

Advertising of medicines, import and export licences, wholesale dealers' licences, assembly licences, clinical trials, unlawful sales of prescription-only medicines via the internet or non-pharmacy premises

- Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) (tel 020 7084 2000; website www.mhra.gsi.gov.uk)

Controlled Drugs

Queries about Controlled Drug issues and enforcement of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations

- Home Office (tel 020 7035 0464; website www.homeoffice.gov.uk)

Other health professions

Queries with reference to the actions of other health care professionals

- General Dental Council (tel 020 7887 3800; website www.gdc-uk.org)
- General Medical Council (tel 0845 357 3456; website www.gmc-uk.org)
- General Optical Council (tel 020 7580 3898; website www.optical.org)
- Health Professions Council (tel 0845 3004 472; website www.hpc-uk.org)
- Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) (tel 020 7637 7181; website www.nmc-uk.org)
- Pharmaceutical Society of

Northern Ireland (tel 028 9032 6927; website www.psnri.org.uk)

Social care

Queries relating to aspects of social care, including care homes and boarding schools

- Commission for Social Care Inspection (England) (tel 0845 015 0120; website www.csci.org.uk)
- Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (tel 0845 603 0890; website www.carecommission.com)
- Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales (tel 01443 848 450; website www.csiw.wales.gov.uk)
- Social Services Inspectorate (Northern Ireland) (tel 028 9005 2050; website www.dhsspsni.gov.uk)

Community pharmacy NHS contracts

Queries regarding the NHS contract for community pharmaceutical services

- Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (England) (tel 01296 432 823; website www.psnri.org.uk)
- Scottish Pharmaceutical General Council (tel 0131 467 7766; website www.spgc.org.uk)
- Community Pharmacy Wales (tel 029 2044 2070; website info@cpwales.org.uk)
- Pharmaceutical Contractors Committee (Northern Ireland) (tel 028 9032 0787; website www.pccni.org.uk)

Hospitals and prison service

Queries relating to activities in hospitals, non-registered hospital pharmacies and prison pharmacies

- Department of Health (England) (tel 020 7210 4850; website www.dh.gov.uk)
- Scottish Executive (tel 0131 244 2440; website www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd)
- Department of Health and Social Services (Wales) (tel 029 2037 0011; website www.wales.nhs.uk)
- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (Northern Ireland) (tel 028 9052 0500; website www.dhsspsni.gov.uk)

Waste disposal

Queries about legislation on the disposal of waste

- Environment Agency (England and Wales) (tel 08708 506506; website www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) (Scotland) (tel 01786 457 700; website www.sepa.org.uk)
- Department of the Environment (Northern Ireland) (tel 028 9054 0540; website www.doeni.gov.uk)

Prescription pricing

Queries regarding endorsement of NHS prescriptions

- Prescription Pricing Division of the NHS Business Services

Authority (England) (tel 0191 232 5371; website www.ppa.org.uk)

- National Services Scotland (NSS) (Common Services Agency) (tel 0131 275 6000; website www.show.scot.nhs.uk/nss)
- Health Solutions Wales (HSW) (tel 029 2050 2413; website www.wales.nhs.uk)

Independent health care providers

Queries regarding independent health care providers such as private hospitals and clinics

- Healthcare Commission (England) (tel 020 7448 9200; website www.healthcarecommission.org.uk)
- Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (tel 0845 603 0890; website www.carecommission.com)
- Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (tel 029 2082 5111; website www.hiw.wales.gov.uk)

Veterinary regulations

Queries regarding veterinary regulations

- Veterinary Medicines Directorate (tel 01932 336 911; website www.vmd.gov.uk)

Data protection

Queries about data protection legislation

- Information Commissioner (tel 01625 545 745; website www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)