

## 2010 Fees Consultation Responses

The Council agreed proposed changes to the fees for 2010 at its meeting on 1 April 2008. The Council is proposing to keep the level of fee increase as low as possible. The consultation was launched on 24 April 2009 and closed on 17 July 2009.

59 responses were received to the consultation; these were mostly from individuals with seven organisations responding (CCA, NPA, IPM, APTUK, GHP, Unison, and Community Pharmacy Scotland).

### Q1 – Do you agree that during the time of transition an increase in the retention fee for 2010 should be implemented?

Over three quarters of respondents disagreed (45/59 – 76%). 19% (11 respondents) agreed.

	<i>No</i>	<i>%</i>
Disagree	45	76
Agree	11	19
Not sure	2	3
No answer given	1	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>100</i>

40 comments were received on this question, key themes are outlined below:

- Fees are high enough already due to previous substantial increases
- In the current economic climate fees should not be increased
- Future professional body will suffer if fees are increased

### Q2 – Do you agree that the proposed fee increases should be sufficient to ensure the stability of the Society and the GPhC in 2010?

Almost half of respondents disagreed (29/59 – 49%). A further quarter (25%) agreed with 24% stating not sure.

	<i>No</i>	<i>%</i>
Disagree	29	49
Agree	15	25
Not sure	14	24
No answer given	1	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>100</i>

43 comments were given on this question, key themes are outlined below:

- Should focus on cost savings/government funding to ensure stability
- Not enough information to judge this question
- There should be no increase as fees too high already

### Further Comments

35 respondents gave further comments on the consultation with the themes outlined earlier featuring prominently:

- Increased fees will not encourage members to join PLB
- Fee increase is unwarranted
- Fees for GPhC and PLB must be same as present plus inflation
- Need to reduce costs in this economic climate