

## Statutory Committee Inquiries

The Statutory Committee will meet at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1, at 9.30am on Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 November 2006 to hear the following inquiries:

1. The new Inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against [Mr Neil Hutchinson](#) (Registration no. 79982) and [Mrs Carol Janette Hutchinson](#) (Registration no. 79981) which alleges that, in relation to Mr Hutchinson, a number of dispensing errors; the supply of a controlled drug, namely 30 x Concerta X tablets, against a prescription for 14 such tablets; a failure to comply with the labelling regulations; a breach of Regulation 19 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 relating to record-keeping; a failure to supply a patient with his medication and the pharmacy's failure to deal with the subsequent complaint appropriately; the supply of medication to a patient without reference to a prescription or a copy prescription and without checking with the prescriber; an over-supply of Candesartan tablets and a failure to label this supply accurately; a failure to keep a verifiable audit trail of the supply of prescription only medication; the supply of medication to a patient by reference only to previously incorrectly supplied medication and the labelling from an old monitored dosage system pack; a failure to act in the best interests of a patient; a failure to deal with a patient's mother in a professional and courteous manner; a failure as Superintendent Pharmacist to have in place a system to identify each pharmacist responsible for particular supply; a failure to heed the advice of the Society; a failure to have in place adequate procedures for dispensing in monitored dosage systems; the pharmacy's inadequate procedures for dealing with errors and complaints; an unacceptably dirty and untidy pharmacy; a failure to assess or remove date-expired chemicals and/or medication; the presence in the pharmacy of returned medication; the presence at the pharmacy of patient returned medication, including prescription only medication, (a) on a stairway to which customers had access, (b) in the stockroom and (c) in the office; and, the dispensing of oiwings without reference to the relevant prescription, may amount to misconduct. In relation to Mrs Hutchinson, the Society's council alleges that: the supply of a controlled drug, namely 30 x Concerta X tablets, against a prescription for 14 such tablets; a breach of Regulation 19 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 relating to record-keeping; the pharmacy's failure to deal appropriately with a complaint; a failure of the pharmacy to keep a verifiable audit trail of the supply of prescription only medication; the failure of the pharmacy to have in place a system to identify each pharmacist responsible for a particular supply; a failure to heed the advice of the Society; the supply of medication to a patient using only previously incorrect medication and labelling from an old monitored dosage system pack; the pharmacy's failure to have in place adequate procedures governing dispensing in monitored dosage systems; the pharmacy's inadequate procedures for dealing with errors and complaints; an unacceptably dirty and untidy pharmacy; a failure to assess or remove date-expired chemicals and/or medication; the presence at the pharmacy of patient returned medication, including prescription only medication, (a) on a stairway to which customers had access, (b) in the stockroom and (c) in the office; and, a failure to record maximum and minimum refrigerator temperatures daily, may amount to misconduct.
2. The new Inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against Ms Clare Susannah Hatherley (Registration no. 1071510) which alleges misconduct.

3. The Committee will resume the Inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against Mr Korush Jalali Farahani (Registration no. 1067185) which alleges that the theft of a number of Codeine Phosphate tablets from a pharmacy whilst working as a locum pharmacist, the possession of 14 Kapake capsules which had not been prescribed for him, and the consumption of Codeine Phosphate tablets and Kapake capsules whilst working as a locum pharmacist, may amount to misconduct. The Committee will also consider a conviction for the theft of 40 x 30mg Codeine Phosphate tablets and 14 x 10mg Zolpidem Tartrate tablets of a value unknown belonging to Superdrug Plc, contrary to s1(1) and 7 of the Theft Act 1968.
  
4. The Committee will deliver the determination of the Inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against [Mr Bijal Vithalbhai Patel](#) (Registration no. 84459) and [Greenoaks Pharmacy Ltd](#) (Identification no. 1003087) which alleged that the submission of wrong claims to the PPA resulting in an overpayment to the company of £16,509.67; the operation of a system involving the alteration of endorsements on prescriptions by a superintendent pharmacist who was not the dispensing pharmacist and without consultation with the dispensing pharmacist; a lack of professional knowledge in relation to prescribing for and dispensing of the contraceptive pill; the failure to keep knowledge up-to-date in relation to endorsements and the drug tariff; the incorrect instruction by the superintendent pharmacist to a dispensing pharmacist employed by the company in respect of dispensing against prescriptions for the contraceptive pill; and the dishonest and/or erroneous completion and/or submission of untrue declarations contained in applications for inclusion on the PCT's list, individually or cumulatively may have amounted to misconduct.

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