

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 21, Tuesday 22, and Wednesday 23 May 2007 to hear the following matters:

1. The Committee will resume the 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, in relation to Mr Hutchinson, that: 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 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 Committee will resume the Inquiry into Mrs Sheila Elizabeth Coventry (Registration no. 81492) who on 13 December 2005 at Edinburgh Sheriffs Court was convicted of assault to injury.

3. The Committee will hear the new Inquiry into Mr Joseph William Moffett (R4634) who on 13 January 2006 at Ipswich Crown Court was convicted of two counts of sexual activity with a female child and one count of allowing a child to engage in sexual activity.

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