

Scottish Pharmacy Board 9 April 2008

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consultation on Cases for Non-referral to the Investigating Committee

Purpose

To agree the Board's response to the consultation on threshold criteria for referral of cases to the Investigating Committee.

Strategic objective domain

- An organisation that consistently performs as a regulator, professional representative leader and publisher.

Action required

To review the consultation (Appendix 1) and the draft response (Appendix 2) and agree the Boards response to the consultation.

1. Background

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain has conducted a review of the fitness to practice cases that are currently considered by the Investigating Committee and would like your views on the proposals for non-referral of cases to the Investigating Committee.

The review was conducted in response to the recent experience of the Society in operating a system of non-referral of single one-off dispensing errors to the Investigating Committee and was undertaken to ensure that cases handled by the Society are dealt with in a proportionate, effective and efficient manner without compromising patient safety.

There are two parts to the consultation:

1. relates to the non-referral of cases involving single one-off dispensing errors.
2. relates to the extension of non-referral cases to include cases other than single one-off dispensing errors.

2. Risk Implications

Failure to fulfil the remit of the Board.

3. Resource Implications

There are no resources implications.

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