
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes amendments to the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, which is the framework legislation for pharmacy within Northern Ireland. These changes reflect the requirements under Article 4(2)(d) of directive 2011/24/EU for a Member State of treatment to have in place systems of professional liability cover or similar.

The changes require registered persons to have appropriate cover under an indemnity arrangement in respect of liabilities which may be incurred in practising as a pharmaceutical chemist. The amendment also makes it clear that pharmaceutical chemists cannot practise unless there is an indemnity arrangement in operation in relation to that person. The amendments introduce enabling powers for the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland ('the Society') to make regulations requiring a pharmaceutical chemist to inform the registrar if their cover provided under an indemnity arrangement ceases to be in operation, and to inform the registrar if appropriate cover under an indemnity arrangement is provided by an employer. Failure to comply with the provisions can be dealt with as a ground on which registration as a pharmaceutical chemist may be withdrawn or refused by the registrar.

A Transposition Note in relation to this Order is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the Order on www.legislation.gov.uk.