

Department of Health (DoH) Update on EU Pharmaceutical Reforms (by email):

During an oral briefing on 22 May 2025 and in subsequent responses to the Committee, the Department indicated that it would provide Members with further information it received on the proposed EU Pharma Reform package.

On 11 December 2025, following an announcement by the European Parliament, the Department became aware that the Council of the EU and the European Parliament have now provisionally agreed on a deal for the comprehensive reform of EU pharmaceutical legislation. Given the significance of this announcement, the Department feels it is important to make Members aware of this provisional agreement.

The Department is awaiting the finalised text and will continue to work closely with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) to understand the implications of the proposed EU pharma reforms on medicines authorised for the Northern Ireland market, as well as the impact on the overall UK supply chain.

Once an analysis of the technical details of this agreement has been completed and further information is available, the Department will endeavour to update Members as soon as practicable.