

Submitted to SL1 The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

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### Accuracy

Is the information provided by the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland in relation to the proposed statutory rule accurate?

No

If No, why?

Explain:

"While the majority of respondents were not in favour of the proposed fee increase."

97% disagreed with the increase that's all, not a majority. Pharmacy form an arm of PSNI also responded to the consultation obviously in favour excluding their views your almost at 100| % of respondents disagree with the fee increase.

The consultation narrative is controlled by the PSNI therefore negative responses are watered down. The consultation was tick boxing to get to this point, respondent's views were disregarded, they intended to increase free from the start. I suggest you request for a fair selection of individual comments made to the consultation to the fee increase good and bad.

2024 article by industry magazine Chemist and druggist 'Challenging period': PSNI mulls fee rise as it doubles president's pay  
Fees increases considered in 2024- further evidence that the consultation is a white wash. Consultations need to be independent from PSNI.

### Completeness

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Yes

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Explain:

### Unintended consequences

Do you foresee any unintended or unanticipated consequences of implementing this statutory rule?

Yes

If Yes, why?

Explain:

Fees are too high it will lead to financial hardship.  
Of which their is nothing we can do as it's a legal requirement to pay in-order to keep our jobs.

### Any other matters

Are there any other matters regarding the proposed statutory rule that you wish to draw to the committee's attention?

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How does the health committee justify N.I. pharmacists paying the highest registration fees while pharmacy premises fees are the lowest in UK and Ireland?

Can the committee also explain why high pharmacist's fees are rewarded with incompetence by PSNI regulator failing 17 out of their 18 standards. You wouldn't continually pay a hairdresser who cant cut hair. Yet each year pharmacists have legally have to pay PSNI fees for staggering incompetence.

N.I pharmacists should have the vote on which regulator they want PSNI or GHPC especially when fees are extortionate. PSNI should not have a monopoly and there is no need for two UK regulators.

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PSNI Provide no support for practising pharmacists and have yet to lay out why the increase is necessary or what other options have been explored to claw back a shortfall. As a pharmacist faith is totally lost in the PSNI who are supposed to stand for the profession

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The PSNI have not demonstrated why the fee increase is reasonable. We never hear from them despite when we are completing our CPD. They do not provide insurance or union membership. It is ridiculous

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Reduced number of pharmacists being able to afford the fees. Really low morale among pharmacists . Resentment towards professional body

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