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## PHARMACY & HEALTHCARE REGULATION

### RPS Case Update April 2009

#### SOPs for CDs

**Facts:** A pharmacist made a number of supplies of CDs without the authority of a prescription. The Superintendent and Company were also referred. The Superintendent alleged that all SOPs were in place following the introduction of compulsory SOPs. In addition prior to the compulsory implementation of SOPs, there had been a company wide training programme for dispensing CDs. He alleged that the pharmacist had ignored the procedures that were properly in place. The Committee found that there was no impairment of the Superintendent's fitness to practice but directed the removal of the pharmacist's name.

**Result:** Removal/No impairment

#### Check Check Check

**Facts:** A Superintendent was referred to the Disciplinary Committee (sitting as Statutory Committee) where a pharmacist was no longer practising and effectively took no part in the proceedings. The majority of allegations revolved around dispensing errors in terms of quantity, type and expiry dates. The pharmacist's name was removed from the Register while the Superintendent received a reprimand and the Company was admonished.

**Result:** Removal/Reprimand/Admonished

#### Police Caution

**Facts:** A police caution was received by this pharmacist for failing to maintain the CD Register in accordance with the regulations. The allegations related to 20 entries for 10 patients over a period of 2 months. The errors in the Register occurred despite previous advice being offered to the pharmacist by the Society's Inspector. From the outset the pharmacist admitted the errors, was co-operative and accepted responsibility.

**Result:** A Letter of Warning

#### Untidy Premises

**Facts:** The Inspector attended the pharmacy in this case over a period of years and noted a cyclical nature in the organisation and general tidiness of the premises. The allegations were all admitted at the time of the interview and throughout the proceedings. The business was sold and the pharmacist became a locum. There were no errors or harm to patients and therefore the Committee decided on no sanction other than a condition placed on the pharmacist's practice that he not own or be the Superintendent of a pharmacy for the next 3 years.

**Result:** Conditions

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