

SCHEDULE 4

PART I

PHARMACY PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Pharmacy Practices Committee

1. The Board shall, in accordance with regulation 7 of the Health Boards (Membership and Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2001⁽¹⁾ and the provisions of this Schedule establish a committee (to be known as “the Pharmacy Practices Committee”).

Functions

2. The Pharmacy Practices Committee shall on behalf of the Board exercise the functions of the Board in terms of regulation 5(10) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 3.

Membership

3.—(1) The Pharmacy Practices Committee shall consist of seven members of whom—

- (a) one shall be the chair appointed as such by the Board; the chair shall be a member of the Board but shall not be an officer of the Board nor shall the chair be, nor previously have been, a doctor, dentist, ophthalmic optician or pharmacist or the employee of a person who is a doctor, dentist, ophthalmic optician or pharmacist;
- (b) three shall be pharmacists of whom—
 - (i) one shall be a pharmacist whose name is not included in any pharmaceutical list and who is not the employee of a person whose name is so listed; and such pharmacist shall be appointed by the Board from persons nominated by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain; and
 - (ii) two shall be pharmacists each of whom is included in a pharmaceutical list or is an employee of a person whose name is so listed; and each shall be appointed by the Board from persons nominated by the Area Pharmaceutical Committee; and
- (c) three shall be persons appointed by the Board otherwise than from the members of the Board but none shall be nor previously have been a doctor, dentist, ophthalmic optician or a pharmacist, or an employee of a person who is a doctor, dentist, ophthalmic optician or pharmacist.

(2) Persons to act as deputies for, and corresponding in number to, each of those categories of person appointed pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) shall, provided they satisfy the criteria specified in that sub-paragraph, be appointed by the Board and in the absence of any of those persons a deputy from the appropriate category shall be entitled to act in the absent person’s place.

(3) If a nomination sought for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b)(i) or (ii) above is not made before such date as the Board may determine, the Board may appoint as a member a person who satisfies the criteria specified in the relevant sub-paragraph.

(4) The Board shall prepare and maintain lists of the persons who have been appointed, in accordance with paragraph 3(1)(a), (b)(i) or (b)(ii), or (c), as the case might be, and who currently serve as members of the Pharmacy Practices Committee, and shall provide the Scottish Ministers with a copy of such lists from time to time.

(1) SS.I. 2001/302. Amended by S.S.I. 2004/212 and 2005/108.

Declaration of interest

4.—(1) Before any meeting of the Pharmacy Practices Committee begins the chair, or in the chair's absence, the person acting as chair, shall ask the members intending to be present whether, in respect of any matter to be considered at the meeting, any of them—

- (a) has an interest to declare; or
- (b) is associated with a person who has any personal interest,

and any such member who has or, as the case may be, is associated with a person who has, any such interest shall disclose it accordingly.

(2) Any member who has, pursuant to the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) above, disclosed an interest or who, in the opinion, expressed to the meeting, of the chair or in the chair's absence, the person acting as chair as the case may be, should have disclosed such an interest, shall not be present at the consideration or discussion of that matter or the voting on it, and a deputy who has no such interest may act in that member's place.

Quorum

5. No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Pharmacy Practices Committee unless the chair or in the chair's absence, the person acting as chair, one member appointed under each of paragraph 3(1)(b)(i) and (ii), and two other members appointed under paragraph 3(1)(c) are present.

Voting

6.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) below, every application considered by the Pharmacy Practices Committee shall be considered by all members present, but shall be determined only by a majority of votes of the members present who are entitled to vote.

(2) A member appointed by virtue of paragraph 3(1)(b)(i) or (c) is entitled to vote.

(3) A member appointed by virtue of paragraph 3(1)(b)(ii) is not entitled to vote and shall withdraw immediately before a decision on an application by voting takes place.

(4) The chair, or in the chair's absence the person acting as chair, shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting except in the case of an equality of votes of the other persons present and voting, in which case the chair shall have a casting vote.

(5) The Pharmacy Practices Committee shall within ten working days of taking its decision give written notification of it to the Board with reasons for that decision.

Standing orders

7. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the Board may make, vary or revoke standing orders with respect to the terms of office of members of the Pharmacy Practices Committee, the procedure of that committee and the making of reports of its proceedings to the Board.

Vacancy

8. The proceedings of the Pharmacy Practices Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in its membership, or any defect in a member's appointment.