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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2010 No. 231**

**The Pharmacy Order 2010**

**PART 2**

**The Council and its Committees**

**The Council's general duties**

6.—(1) The main objective of the Council (including its staff and committees) in exercising such of its functions as affect the health, safety or well-being of members of the public is to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and well-being of members of the public, and in particular of those members of the public who use or need the services of registrants, or the services provided at a registered pharmacy, by ensuring that registrants, and those persons carrying on a retail pharmacy business at a registered pharmacy, adhere to such standards as the Council considers necessary for the safe and effective practice of pharmacy.

(2) In exercising its functions, the Council (including its staff and committees) must—

(a) have proper regard to—

- (i) the interests of persons using or needing the services of registrants in Great Britain,
- (ii) the interests of all registrants and prospective registrants, and any differing interests of registered pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians or groups within those professions, and
- (iii) the interests of persons carrying on a retail pharmacy business at a registered pharmacy; and

(b) co-operate, in so far as is appropriate and reasonably practicable, with persons concerned with—

- (i) the employment (whether or not that employment is under a contract of service) of registrants,
- (ii) the education or training of registrants, prospective registrants or other health or social care professionals,
- (iii) the regulation of, or the co-ordination of the regulation of, other health or social care professionals,
- (iv) the regulation of health services, and
- (v) the provision, supervision or management of health services.

(3) In carrying out its duty to co-operate under paragraph (2)(b), the Council must have regard to any differing considerations relating to practising as a pharmacist or as a pharmacy technician which apply in England, Scotland or Wales.

(4) In paragraph (2), “other health care professionals” means persons regulated by a body, other than the Council, mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002<sup>(1)</sup>.

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(1) [2002 c.17](#). Section 25(3) was amended by paragraph 17 of Schedule 10 to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 ([c.14](#)).