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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 311**

The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society  
of Northern Ireland (Fitness to Practise and  
Disqualification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

PART 7

General

**Disposal of allegations without hearings**

**40.**—(1) Where—

- (a) an allegation has been referred to the Statutory Committee by the Scrutiny Committee;
- (b) a principal hearing has not yet taken place in the proceedings; and
- (c) the presenter for either the principal hearing or an interim order hearing that relates to the allegation considers that, on the basis of the evidence available or other information in the possession of the Society, the hearing should not be held,

the presenter must inform the Scrutiny Committee of their opinion forthwith, and of the reasons for their opinion.

(2) Upon receipt of the presenter's opinion, the Scrutiny Committee must consider the matter and may give a direction that the referral to the Statutory Committee (either for a principal or an interim order hearing, or both) is rescinded.

(3) The Scrutiny Committee must not rescind a referral for a principal hearing without first giving the maker of the relevant allegation (if any) a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed rescission.