

June 2026 Common Registration Assessment Results

FOR NOTING

This paper provides Council with information on the outcomes of the June 2026 Common Registration Assessment and highlights key findings from the transition to the 2021 Initial Education and Training Standards, including the participation of candidates undertaking the Independent Prescribing pathway.

Action Required by Council

Council is asked to note the outcomes of the June 2026 Common Registration Assessment, note the overall candidate performance and pass rate, note the participation of candidates undertaking the Independent Prescribing pathway, and note that the Society will continue to monitor future assessment outcomes and report any significant emerging trends or concerns to Council.

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1. Purpose

To provide Council with information regarding the outcomes of the June 2026 Common Registration Assessment and to set out observations arising from candidate performance during the first year of implementation of the integrated Independent Prescribing pathway.

Executive Summary

A total of 176 Northern Ireland candidates sat the June 2026 Common Registration Assessment. Of these, 165 candidates were successful, resulting in an overall pass rate of 93.75%.

The June 2026 sitting took place during the continued transition to the 2021 Initial Education and Training Standards, with 166 candidates (94.3%) undertaking the assessment through the Independent Prescribing pathway.

The Society will continue to monitor trends across future CRA sittings, including outcomes associated with the Independent Prescribing pathway and variations in pass rates between education providers.

Headline Results

Measure	Result
Total candidates	176
Successful candidates	165
Unsuccessful candidates	11
Overall pass rate	93.75%
Successful first-time sitters	161
Successful second-time sitters	4
Candidates on IP pathway	166 (94.3%)

2. Independent Prescribing Pathway

A total of 166 candidates (94.3%) undertook the CRA through the Independent Prescribing pathway.

Key Observations

- Of the 165 successful candidates, 161 passed at their first attempt and 4 passed at their second attempt.
- Variation was observed in pass rates between MPharm providers.
- Unsuccessful candidates were distributed across both components of the assessment.

3. Emerging Considerations

The Society will continue to monitor performance trends across future CRA sittings, outcomes associated with the Independent Prescribing pathway as implementation becomes fully established, variations in pass rates between education providers, and outcomes for candidates requiring repeat attempts at the assessment. These areas will be included within future reporting to Council where significant trends or regulatory concerns emerge.

Conclusion

The June 2026 CRA results indicate that 165 of 176 Northern Ireland candidates passed the assessment. The Society will continue to monitor future assessment outcomes and report any significant trends or regulatory concerns to Council.

Recommendations

1. Note the outcomes of the June 2026 Common Registration Assessment.
2. Note the overall candidate performance and pass rate.
3. Note the participation of candidates undertaking the Independent Prescribing pathway.
4. Note that the Society will continue to monitor future assessment outcomes and report any significant emerging trends or concerns to Council.