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FOR APPROVAL

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Purpose

To present the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) reaccreditation report for the Queen's University Belfast Independent Prescribing programme and seek Council's endorsement of the continued approval of the programme.

Recommendation

Council is invited to:

1. Note the findings of the reaccreditation report.
2. Endorse the continued approval of the Queen's University Belfast Independent Prescribing programme for a period of six years, with an interim review after three years.

Summary

The GPhC undertakes accreditation activity for pharmacy education programmes in Northern Ireland on behalf of the Society. A reaccreditation event for the Queen's University Belfast Independent Prescribing programme was held on 18 June 2026.

The accreditation team concluded that all learning outcomes and accreditation standards continue to be met and recommended that the programme be reaccredited for a period of six years, with an interim review after three years. The approved intake remains one cohort per year with a maximum of 30 pharmacist students.

No conditions or recommendations were imposed. One minor amendment was identified relating to wording in programme webinar materials.

The GPhC Registrar has confirmed the programme's continued approval and the report has been shared with the Society's Council. The independent prescribing reaccreditation process for NICPLD remains ongoing and is currently expected to conclude in October 2026, subject to completion of the provider response, review and decision-making processes.

Council Action:

Council is invited to note the findings of the report and endorse the continued approval of the programme in line with the accreditation outcome

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