



## IN THE MATTER OF PART 6 OF THE PHARMACY ACT 2007

### Mr Neil Sokay MPSI (Reg. No. 7388)

Following the submission of a report of the Professional Conduct Committee (the “**Committee**”), the Council, at its meeting on 18 June 2020, decided to censure Mr Neil Sokay MPSI and attach the following conditions to his registration as a pharmacist in relation to the findings of poor professional performance made by the Committee in its report, dated 24 January 2020, which are set out in Appendix 1 attached to this notice.

#### **Conditions attached to Mr Sokay’s registration as a pharmacist are as follows:**

- (i) Mr Sokay shall engage with a suitably qualified pharmacist nominated by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (“the **PSI**”) to carry out three audits of his practice, with particular reference to the findings of poor professional performance referred to above and to report to the PSI;
- (ii) The first such audit shall be completed within three months of this condition coming into effect;
- (iii) The second and third audits shall be completed at six-monthly intervals thereafter; and
- (iv) Mr Sokay shall discharge all costs associated with the implementation of, and his compliance with, these conditions.

## APPENDIX 1: FINDINGS

That you, whilst you were a Registered Pharmacist and/or Superintendent Pharmacist and/or Supervising Pharmacist at Lynch's Totalhealth Pharmacy, Farrell Street, Kells, County Meath ("**the Pharmacy**"):

- 1) On or about 22 December 2016 supplied and/or caused to be supplied and/or permitted to be supplied to Patient A, a High Tech medicinal product namely Enbrel 50mg pdr & solv for soln/inj PFS x 4 otherwise than in accordance with a valid prescription; and/or
  
- 2) On or about one or more of the following dates;
  - a) 24 October 2016; and/or
  - b) 21 November 2016; and/or
  - c) 6 December 2016; and/or
  - d) 22 December 2016; and/or
  - e) 18 January 2017;

supplied and/or caused to be supplied to Patient B a High-Tech medicinal product namely Forsteo 20mcg/80mcl soln/inj PFP x 1 otherwise than in accordance with a valid prescription; and/or

- 3) On or about one of more of the following dates;
  - a) 21 April 2016; and/or
  - b) 29 November 2016; and/or
  - c) 30 December 2016;

supplied and/or caused to be supplied to Patient C a High-Tech medicinal product namely Rebif 44mcg/0.5ml M/DS cart soln/inj x 4 otherwise than in accordance with a valid prescription; and/or

- 4) On or about 19 May 2016 supplied and/or caused to be supplied to Patient D Humira 40mg/ soln/inj x 4 otherwise than in accordance with a valid prescription; and/or
  
- 5) In respect of one or more or [sic] the supplies outlined at Appendix A failed to endorse and/or mark as dispensed, adequately or at all, one or more of the prescriptions used to authorise the supply of the medicinal products as required by Regulation 7(2)(f) and/or 7(2)(g) of the

Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2003 (as amended);  
and/or

- 6) On or about one or more of the dates outlined at Appendix B, failed to ensure that a register of all prescription-only medication sold and/or supplied was properly maintained in accordance with legislative requirements; and/or
- 7) Failed to ensure that there was any or any adequate compliance by you and/or any Pharmacists employed by the Pharmacy and/or engaged by the Pharmacy with one or more of the following Standard Operating Procedures which were in place in the Pharmacy at this time;
  - a) SOP - DP3: Pharmaceutical Assessment (Assess and clinically check a prescription);  
and/or
  - b) SOP - DP9: Record Keeping and Completion of Documentation; and/or
  - c) SOP - DP20-1: Filing of Prescriptions; and/or
  - d) SOP - Gen 10-1: Management of Hi Tech Medicines; and/or
  - e) SOP-HK2: Record Keeping

## **FINDINGS**

**Poor Professional Performance: Allegations 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, when viewed both individually and cumulatively; and**

**Poor Professional Performance: Allegations 1 and 4, when viewed cumulatively with the other findings of poor professional performance.**