



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

**AND**

**A.B.**

Following the submission of a report of the Professional Conduct Committee (the “**Committee**”), the Council, at its meeting on 23 July 2020 decided to censure A.B. and attach the following conditions to A.B.’s registration as a pharmacist in relation to the findings of poor professional performance made by the Committee in its report which are set out in Appendix 1 attached to this notice.

**Conditions attached to A. B.’s registration as a pharmacist are as follows:**

- (i) A.B. will promptly and/or by a specified date, engage a suitably qualified experienced pharmacist, to be nominated by the Registrar of the PSI, who will carry out three audits at six monthly intervals over an 18-month period, in order to confirm adherence to the SOPs of the pharmacy in which A.B. works at that time, in relation to the dispensing of Schedule 2 controlled drugs and medications unlicensed for supply in Ireland;
- (ii) A.B. shall discharge all costs associated with the implementation of these conditions.

## APPENDIX 1: FINDINGS

That you, whilst you were a Superintendent Pharmacist and/or Supervising Pharmacist and/or Registered Pharmacist at Pharmacy X (" the **Pharmacy**"), in respect of Patient Y:

1. In the time period between in or about 1 January 2018 and 27 February 2018, failed to take any or any adequate steps on foot of one or more prescription(s) dated 31 December 2017 and 10 January 2018 presented by Patient Y in respect of the Patient's request for the supply of the medication Seconal Sodium, a Schedule 2 controlled drug and/or a medication unlicensed for supply in Ireland, in that you failed to take any or any adequate steps to:
  - (a) confirm that the medication had been legitimately prescribed by a registered medical practitioner; and/or
  - (b) confirm that the medication and/or dosage and/or quantity on the prescriptions was clinically and/or therapeutically appropriate for Patient Y; and/or
2. In or around 27 February 2018, supplied to Patient Y, 200 Seconal Sodium 50mg capsules, being a Schedule 2 controlled drug and/or a medication unlicensed for supply in Ireland, on foot of a prescription dated 20 February 2018, in circumstances where:
  - (a) the prescription relied upon to authorise the supply was a forged and/or fraudulent prescription; and/or
  - (b) you failed to take any or any adequate steps to confirm that the medication had been legitimately prescribed by a registered medical practitioner; and/or
  - (c) you failed to take any or any adequate steps to confirm that the medication and/or dosage and/or quantity on the prescription was clinically and/or therapeutically appropriate for Patient Y.

**Findings: Poor Professional Performance when allegations 1 and 2 are taken together.**