

Expansion of the role of pharmacists

What's Coming in 2024?

21 February 2024

Agenda

- Welcome - Joanne Kissane, Registrar PSI
- The Expert Taskforce - Dr Pat O'Mahony, Chair Expert Taskforce
- New Legislation: What to Expect? - Cora O'Connell, PSI
- IIOB - Actions to Support Pharmacists
- Questions and answers
- Closing remarks

Expert Taskforce to Support the Expansion of the Role of Pharmacy

Established last July by Stephen Donnelly, Minister for Health.

Purpose of the Taskforce:

- to identify and support the delivery of specific policy decisions, which will serve to align services and practices that can be delivered by pharmacists, and pharmacies, with the needs of the health service and patients.

[gov - Expert Taskforce to support the expansion of the role of pharmacists in Ireland \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)



Members of the Taskforce

<p>Dr Pat O'Mahony (chair) Former HPRA CEO, former Deputy Secretary General, DoH</p>	<p>Joanne Kissane PSI Registrar and Chief Officer, pharmacist</p>	<p>Kate Mulvenna Former Head Pharmacy Function/Corporate Pharmaceutical Unit, HSE, pharmacist</p>	<p>Prof. Judith Strawbridge Deputy Head (Education) School of Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences RCSI</p>	<p>Pat Healy National Director Clinical Prog Implementation & Professional Development, HSE</p>
<p>Keith O'Hourihane Superintendent pharmacist Pharmacy First Plus group, adjunct clinical lecturer, UCC School of pharmacy.</p>	<p>Dr Diarmuid Quinlan Medical Director, Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP), GP</p>	<p>Louisa Power Pharmacist & Medication Safety Specialist National Quality & Patient Safety Directorate, HSE</p>	<p>Prof. Caitriona O'Driscoll Professor and Chair of Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmacy, UCC</p>	<p>Prof. Michael Barry Consultant Clinical Pharmacologist; Head of Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Trinity College Dublin. Clinical Director; National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics.</p>
<p>Laurence O'Dwyer Pharmacist & Scientific Affairs Manager in the HPRA</p>	<p>Anne-Marie Seymour Principal Officer, Medicines, Controlled Drugs & Pharmacy Legislation Unit, DoH.</p>	<p>Dr Tamasine Grimes Associate Professor in Practice of Pharmacy, Trinity College Dublin; practising pharmacist</p>		

Current proposed phases of Taskforce work

Phase 1

July – October
2023

Empowering Pharmacists to Extend Prescriptions.

Work is ongoing to implement this recommendation which is expected to be in place 1 March 2024.

Phase 2

Ongoing

Empowering Pharmacists to Prescribe within their scope of Practice.

DR PAT O'MAHONY

CHAIR, EXPERT TASKFORCE

DISPENSING OF PRESCRIPTION MORE THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER DATE SPECIFIED IN PRESCRIPTION

Cora O'Connell, Professional Standards Manager, PSI

What's happening next?



March
1st



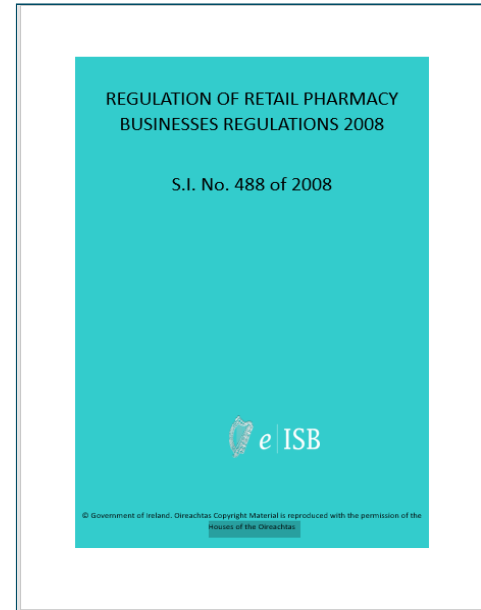
Legislative
Change



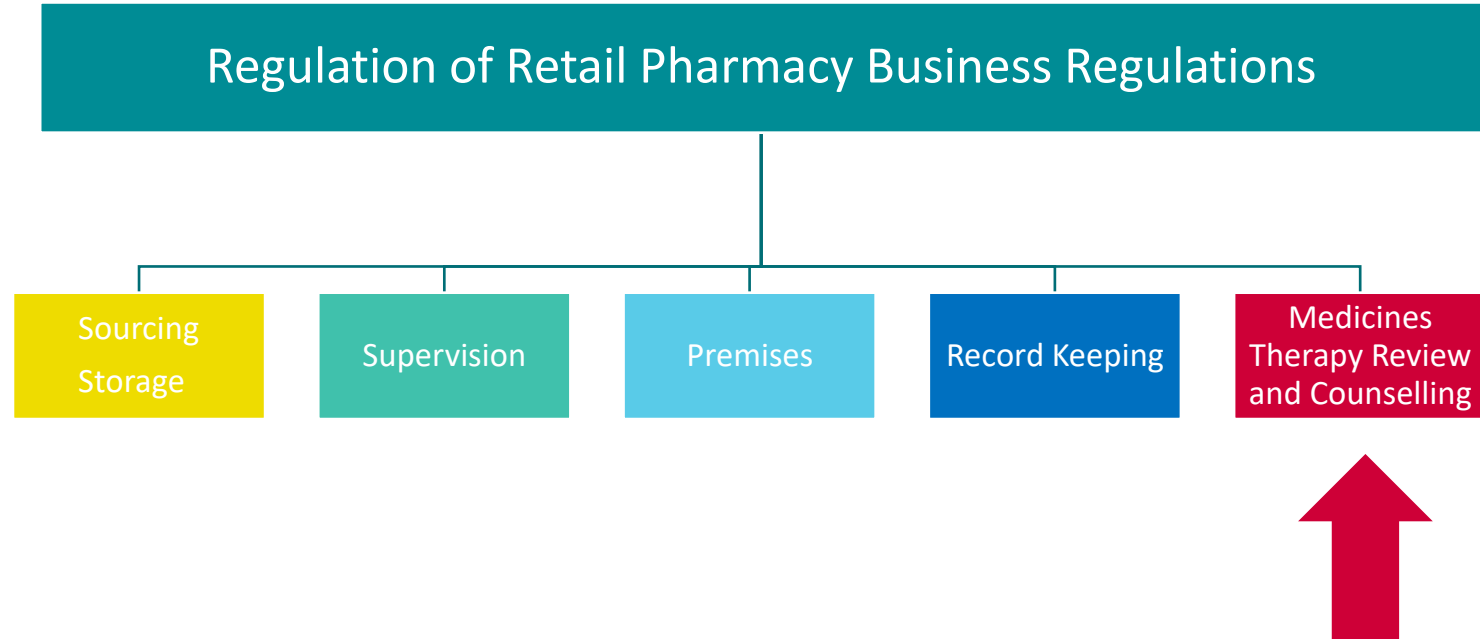
September
1st

What is changing?

- ▶ Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2003
- ▶ Regulation of Retail Pharmacy Business Regulations
- ▶ Accessible through www.irishstatutebook.ie



What is changing?




Regulation 9

- Therapeutic duplication
- Incorrect dosage or duration of treatment
- Interactions
- Allergic reactions
- Clinical abuse and/or misuse



What we expect



Continuing
need,
chronic
condition



History
Unchanged



No Adverse
Reactions

What we expect

- ▶ Record keeping
- ▶ Prescriber or GP to be informed
- ▶ Instruction ‘not to extend’
- ▶ Prescribers may issue a Rx for 12 months

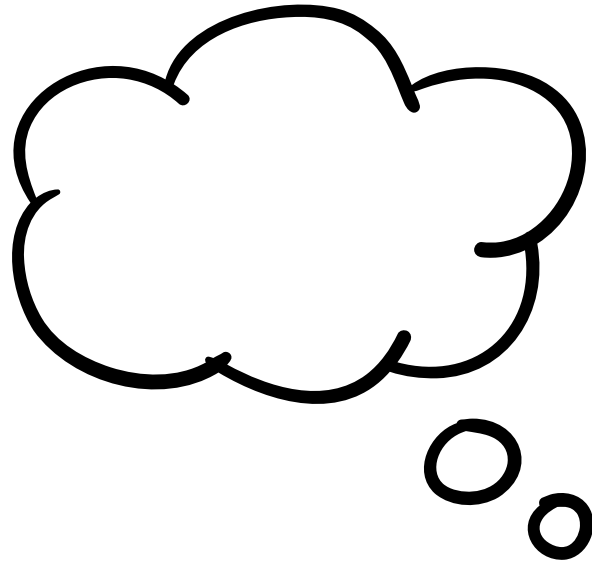


What won't change

- ▶ Emergency Supply legislation
- ▶ Medicine Therapy Review
- ▶ The decision not to dispense a prescription



What about the COVID-19 extension of 3 months?



Controlled Drugs?

Diagnostics?

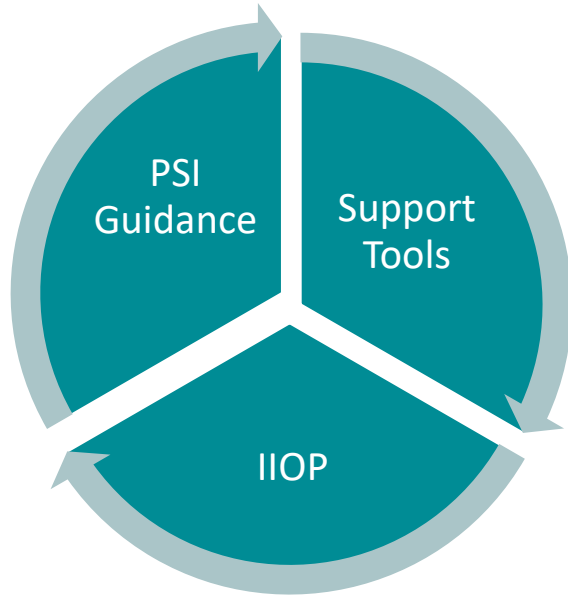
Consultations?

When to say No?

High Tech Medicines?



What supports will be available?



- No formal additional training requirement
- Updated Guidance
- Support Tools – FAQs, Decision tools
- IIOP

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What supports will be available?



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – PANEL

Thank You!