

On **17 October 2024** the General Pharmaceutical Council's Investigating Committee considered an allegation in relation to **Miss Chelsey Hannah Sherry, registration number: 2203145** and determined to issue the registrant concerned with a warning in relation to the conduct alleged.

The Committee concluded that the appropriate outcome in this case is a warning with the wording of:

Ms Sherry is a registered Pharmacist and Independent Prescriber, working as a Clinical Pharmacist at a GP Surgery. Between August 2022 and December 2022, Ms Sherry logged on to the clinical system out of regular working hours, whilst she was signed off as medically unfit to work, and prescribed to four patients on six occasions. These were patients that were personally known to Ms Sherry. In issuing the prescriptions, Ms Sherry failed to document the prescription and record any consultation with the patient on their medical record.

In failing to inform the patient's GP of the prescriptions issued and failing to document the consultations on the patient's medical record, Ms Sherry failed to work in partnership with others, under Standard 2 for Pharmacy Professionals, and communicate effectively, under Standard 3.

Ms Sherry demonstrated a clear failure to use her professional judgement, as required by Standard 5 for Pharmacy Professionals, by prescribing in circumstances when she was signed off from work by a medical professional. She also prescribed to friends and family in circumstances where this was not in accordance with published guidance from the General Pharmaceutical Council and the General Medical Council in relation to prescribing to friends and family.

A warning is required to mark the seriousness of Ms Sherry's conduct and send a clear message to Ms Sherry, and all registered pharmacy professionals and the public, that GPhC standards and policies should always be adhered to ensure that patient safety and public confidence is maintained and upheld. This is particularly in relation to

prescribing to friends and family without there being an immediate need and without documenting a consultation on the patient's medical record or informing the patient's GP is a serious breach of Pharmacy Professionals and undermines public confidence.

This warning will be published on the register and will be available for 12 months.