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## Pharmacy Change of Ownership - 28 Day GPhC Requirement

*Message from the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)*

### Key Legal Requirement

When pharmacy ownership changes, the new owner must notify the GPhC within 28 days.

Failure to do so will result in the pharmacy being removed from the register, requiring closure until restoration is completed.

Please see below important communication from the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) regarding legal requirements when there is a change of pharmacy ownership. You may have received this directly from the GPhC.

### What to do when pharmacy ownership changes



#### **Notify the GPhC within 28 days:**

When the ownership of a pharmacy changes, the new owner must legally notify the GPhC within **28 days** by submitting a **change of ownership notification form**.



**Submit the form only once the sale is fully completed:** The notification form must be **fully completed** and **signed by both the previous owner and the new owner**, and the relevant fee must be paid before it can be processed.



#### **If this is your first pharmacy, nominate a superintendent pharmacist:**

If the new owner organisation is an **NHS Trust, body corporate, or limited liability partnership that does not currently own any other pharmacies**, you will also need to nominate a **superintendent pharmacist** as part of the notification process.



If we do not receive the fully completed form within the 28-day timeframe, the pharmacy will be **removed from the register**. This means the pharmacy must **close immediately** and the owner will need to apply for **restoration** and pay the associated restoration fee before the pharmacy can reopen.



For further information and to access the change of ownership form, please visit [the Change of ownership page on our website](#).

## Change of ownership

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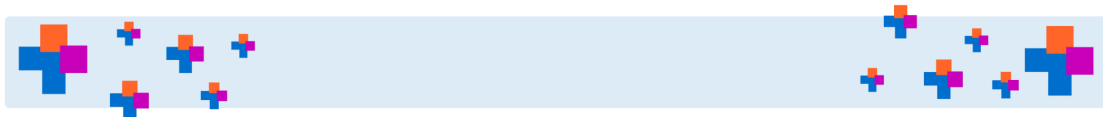
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