

PVG Advice for Locum Pharmacists



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About the PVG Scheme

In February 2011, the Scottish Government introduced a new membership scheme to replace and improve upon the current disclosure arrangements for people who work with vulnerable groups.

Pharmacists providing NHS Pharmaceutical Services will, in general, be doing regulated work with protected adults and are thus within the scope of the PVG Scheme.

As a Locum Pharmacist, for the purpose of the PVG scheme, when you work for a pharmacy contractor you become an employee of the contractor. It is an offence for any organisation, including a pharmacy contractor, to offer regulated work to an individual barred from that work (Section 35(1) of the PVG Act). The way to avoid committing this offence is to ensure that any individual being offered regulated work is a PVG Scheme member.

A number of pharmacy contractors and locum agencies are now asking Locum pharmacists to become PVG Scheme members to comply with the information above. Any employer has the right to ask for an updated scheme record to register as an "interested party" in relation to your PVG. Please note: any scheme record or scheme record update applied for through a locum agency will cover working hours booked through the agency only.

How CPS can help you

We are registered as an umbrella organisation with Disclosure Scotland which means that we're able to assist with PVG Scheme Record applications. To make things as easy as possible, we have created a [membership status table](#) to help you.

We know that some pharmacists have a PVG Scheme Membership Statement. Unfortunately this type of record does not allow the registration of interested parties in relation to your PVG status, and therefore in this circumstance, you should apply for a new PVG Scheme Record.

If you have any questions about the PVG Scheme please do not hesitate to contact us by phone on 0131 467 7767 or email pvg.enquiries@cps.scot.