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Communiqué

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We refer to our previous Communique from November 2012, in regards to ATMs in pharmacies.

We have been working with various parties in relation to ATMs in pharmacies.

There are four situations in question, being:

1. ATM located on exterior wall of pharmacy with all servicing done from the exterior;
2. ATM located on exterior wall of pharmacy with servicing done from inside the pharmacy;
3. ATM as standalone equipment within a pharmacy; and
4. A “neighbourhood bank” within a pharmacy.

For situations 1 and 2, above, the Board has resolved that they will not treat these ATMs as being “another business” carried on within a registered premises, and therefore arrangements that meet one of these situations will not require any changes to be made to an ATM.

For situation 3, above, if you currently have a standalone ATM located inside your pharmacy premises, you are required to inform the Board of this pre-existing ATM and provide us with a copy of the contract with the ATM provider.

It was resolved that, as long as you inform the Board of this pre-existing ATM, the Board would not seek to take any action under the Pharmacy Act 2010. However, if you do not inform the Board of the pre-existing ATM and the Board is made aware of the ATM, then the Board may consider this arrangement to be in breach of Section 59 and act accordingly.

However, the next time a significant alteration takes place, you relocate your pharmacy or the contract with the bank/ATM provider expires, you must remove the ATM.

For situation 4, above, if you are a pharmacy that operates a “neighbourhood bank” from within your premises, you are required to provide the Board with a copy of the contract/agency agreement with the bank. The Board will review each of these agreements, on a case by case basis, and advise accordingly.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the Registrar.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Colin Emmott", with a small flourish at the end.

Colin Emmott
Registrar