

PHARMACY PREMISES FEES

REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SCREENING

Screening Questions	Response Screening Questions	Full IA required	Justification / Key issues and groups to focus on
Is the policy or amendment to the policy likely to have a direct or indirect impact on businesses?	<p>YES</p> <p>The policy intent is to increase pharmacy premises fees – however the formula for the increase is what is being consulted upon.</p>	<p>Not at this stage – this will be revisited following the consultation and will be informed by the responses to the question on the level of impact a fee increase will have on pharmacy businesses.</p>	<p>The Department acknowledges that there may be an impact on pharmacy businesses as a result of increases to pharmacy Premises Fees. The Department is obligated to complete a Regulatory Impact Assessment where this is deemed appropriate.</p> <p>In order to do this effectively, we are seeking the views from pharmacy businesses on the direct impact that an increase in pharmacy Premises Fees will have on their pharmacy businesses. High Med or Low</p> <p>The evidence gathered as a result of the consultation will be used to inform a Regulatory Impact Assessment.</p>
Is the policy or amendment to the policy likely to have a direct or indirect impact on the voluntary/community sector? ¹	NO	NO	This relates to the increase of Pharmacy Premises Fees only.
CONCLUSION		See above	See above. The Department considers that a full regulatory impact assessment is not appropriate at this stage.

When is a Regulatory Impact Assessment Required? If the answer to any of the above questions is yes, consideration should be given to undertaking a Regulatory Impact Assessment. However, the level of appraisal should be proportionate to the costs involved.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment is not required for:

- I. Proposals which impose **no costs or no savings**, or negligible costs or savings on business, charities, social economy enterprises or the voluntary sector;
- II. Increases in statutory fees by a predetermined formula such as the rate of inflation; or Road closure orders.

¹ NOTES:

This Includes charities and the social economy sector.