



Release of Results

Following the details released by the inquest into the death of Mared Foulkes, a former BPSA Representative and pharmacy student, we urge Schools of Pharmacy, the GPhC and Pharmacy Schools Council to make urgent improvements on the release of results. Mared sadly took her own life on the evening of receiving her results which “wrongly . . . told [her] she had failed an exam and could not do her third year”. These improvements include:

- Results should only be released at a time where support is available and the university can be contacted for any queries to be made and mistakes to be rectified.
- Results should be clear and accurate with only one final transcript stating progress being sent, and for resits to be accounted for within this when sat in advance of transcript release.
- Where a student cannot progress to the next year of study, this communication should be made via personal and appropriate means. Information should be provided regarding the next steps for this student, and support should be available to guide them through this transition.

We also urge for there to be more support and signposting available to students from schools, and to ensure students are heard. Further, wellbeing and mental health should be incorporated into the curriculum. It is of the utmost importance that we ensure pharmacy students are supported in both their professional and personal lives, including throughout their education.

We remind students and trainees that Pharmacist Support provides free support services, including help with exam and assessment pressures, and bereavement support.

Our thoughts are with Mared's loved ones.

**Yours Sincerely,
On behalf of the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association**

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