

Hope Winch Society Constitution
The Rules of the Society
Version 2 Draft 2- Revised July 2016

1. The Society is called the Hope Winch Society
2. The Society exists to maintain links between former students and staff of the Sunderland School of Pharmacy, and between them and the present staff and students of the Sunderland School of Pharmacy.
3. The Society will nurture the work of the Sunderland School of Pharmacy and support the Hope Winch Benevolence Fund and Development Trust.
4. Membership of the Society is open to all former students, and former and current staff of the Sunderland School of Pharmacy. There is no charge for membership.
5. The business of the Society will be conducted by a Committee of Members comprising the Secretary, the Treasurer and up to nine members elected by an Annual General Meeting. The Committee will elect one of its members to serve as Chairman. Either the Chairman or Secretary should be a member of staff of the Sunderland School of Pharmacy. A quorum at a Committee meeting will consist of six.
6. A representative of the Development and Alumni Office will be a member of the Committee.
7. The President of the Sunderland Pharmacy Students Association will be invited to be a member of the Committee for their year of office.
8. The following regulations will apply to the Officers and Members of the Committee:
 - a. Nominations of persons eligible and willing to stand for elections as Officers or members of the Committee will be made to the Secretary before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations must be proposed by two members of the Society.
 - b. Elections will be by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Each member of the Society present at the Annual General Meeting will be allowed to vote for as many nominees as there are vacancies on the Committee.
 - c. Members of the Committee will normally be elected to serve for a period of three years. Normally, three members of the Committee will resign or seek re-election every year. The Secretary and Treasurer would not normally be elected in the same year.
 - d. The Committee will have power to co-opt members to fill casual vacancies.
9. The financial year of the Society will end on 31st March each year.
10. General meetings of the Society will be held annually at such times as the Committee may think fit, and at any time on a written request to the Secretary of not fewer than 20 members.
11. The business of the Annual General Meeting will include the presentation by the Committee of a report of the work of the Society, an audited statement of accounts for the past year, the election of Committee Members and an auditor, and the election of the Officers of the Society, if required.
12. The Rules of the Society may only be altered by a two-thirds vote of members voting at an Annual General Meeting.