

Norwich Pharmacal order

A **Norwich Pharmacal order** is a court order for the disclosure of documents or information that is available in the United Kingdom and Ireland. It is granted against a third party which has been innocently mixed up in wrongdoing, forcing the disclosure of documents or information. By identifying individuals the documents and information sought are disclosed in order to assist the applicant for such an order in bringing legal proceedings against individuals who are believed to have wronged the applicant.

This type of order was first granted in 1974 by the House of Lords in *Norwich Pharmacal Co v Customs and Excise Commissioners* [\[1973\] UKHL 6](#) (26 June 1973)

Norwich Pharmacal relief

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As set out by the Court of Appeal in *Totalise Plc v Motley Fool Ltd & Anor* [\[2001\] EWCA Civ 1897](#) (19 December 2001) Paragraphs: [12 - 15](#)