

SCOTTISH PHARMACY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Scottish Pharmacy Board Open Business meeting held on Wednesday 21 June 2023, at 44 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7HF.

Present:

W Iain Bishop (IB)
Andrew Carruthers (AC)
Lucy Dixon (LD)
Kelsey Drummond (KD)
Josh Miller (JM)

Richard Shearer (RS)
Jacqueline Sneddon (JS)
Jill Swan (JS)
Audrey Thompson (AT)

Apologies:

Tamara Cairney (TC), Omolola Dabiri (OD) and Catriona Sinclair (CS).

In attendance:

Ross Barrow (RB), Head of External Relations – Scotland, Alison Murray (AM), RPS Professional Support Pharmacist, Carolyn Rattray (CR), Business Manager and Laura Wilson (LW), Director for Scotland.

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| 23/06/01. | Welcome and apologies Led by: Andrew Carruthers (AC), SPB Chair AC welcomed everyone to the meeting, extending a special welcome to Alison Murray (AM), RPS Professional Support Pharmacist. Apologies were received from Tamara Cairney (TC), Omolola (Lola) Dabiri (OD) and Catriona Sinclair (CS) | |
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| | There were no RPS member observers. | |
| 23/06/02. | <p>Declarations of interest (23.06/SPB/02) Led by: AC, SPB Chair</p> <p>The Scottish Pharmacy Board</p> <p>noted</p> <p>The declarations of interest (23.06/SPB/02). There were no amendments.</p> | |
| 23/06/03. | <p>Minutes of the SPB Open Business meeting held 8 February 2023 and matters arising (23.06/SPB/03) Led and chaired by: Andrew Carruthers</p> <p>The Scottish Pharmacy Board</p> <p>Accepted, as a true and accurate record,</p> <p>the minutes of the formal SPB Open Business meeting held on 8 February 2023.</p> <p>approved by Lucy Dixon (LD) and seconded by Jacqueline Sneddon (JS).</p> | |
| 23/06/04. | <p>Public Affairs (PA) work plan Led by: Ross Barrow (RB), Head of External Relations, Chaired by: AC, SPB Chair</p> <p>RB provided an update on Scottish PA activities so far in 2023 and planned activities for the rest of the year.</p> <p>There are 3 main PA priorities: political engagement, stakeholder collaboration and member engagement.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Parliamentary and political engagement</u></p> <p>With the recent change in government, political engagement has been a priority and so far, the team has had the opportunity to meet and discuss our policies and priorities with the new Drugs and Alcohol Policy Minister, Elena Whitham MSP and, also, Professor Ann Glasier OBE, the Women’s Health Champion for Scottish Government.</p> <p>Willie Rennie MSP asked for a meeting to consider the length of time it takes to be discharged from hospital and what can be done to expedite the discharge process; it was a very positive exchange with the team, supported by BMs, being able to convey the full range of pharmacist activities.</p> <p>Other political engagement activities include producing a regular thought column in Holyrood Magazine; it is a very good way of reaching MSPs. RPS Scotland attends and contributes to cross party groups (CPGs), e.g. RPS was able to present its disability awareness campaign to the Disability CPG.</p> <p>RPS will be at the autumn 2023 SNP Conference with a workforce fringe event; this will be an opportunity to question publicly the newly appointed Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care, Michael Matheson. In December, RPS Scotland will hold an event on 15 December at the Scottish Parliament to celebrate the work on sustainability in pharmacy; this event will be sponsored by Gillian Mackay MSP.</p> <p><u>Stakeholder collaboration</u></p> <p>Examples of RPS Scotland stakeholder collaboration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with Asthma and Lung UK on the Respiratory Care Action Plan; the plan, which came out in 2021, states that the pharmacist will be involved in diagnosis. Still waiting to hear what that will mean in practice. RPS Scotland was invited to an reception in the Scottish Parliament and, as a result, has been invited to sit on a working group with Asthma UK.• Health inequalities – RPS Scotland was invited to a Health Foundation reception where we were able to demonstrate very positively how pharmacists could contribute in the Health Inequalities setting. | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daffodil Standards – working with Marie Curie across GB. We have secured a stand in the Scottish Parliament for three days in September; a great opportunity to engage with MSPs re: the Standards. • RPS/RCGP joint event on Sustainability on 27 June, at the RPS offices in Edinburgh. A number of politicians and prescribing organisations have agreed to attend. The event will celebrate achievements to date but will also consider future plans. <p><u>Member engagement</u> Traditionally, the main way of reaching members was through publications, e.g. the Scottish Pharmacist and the Scottish Healthcare Review. It has been agreed that, whilst it is useful to have some level of engagement with these publications, digital channels should be explored, potentially reaching a greater audience, in a more targeted way, e.g. Facebook advertising.</p> <p>Intra-professional working – being seen to be leading, not just within pharmacy but within healthcare generally. An example of this was the ‘#Be Kind’ campaign, led by RPS Scotland. The intention is to grow the campaign and deliver it as a multi-disciplinary campaign across the healthcare service.</p> <p>RPS established the Primary Care Clinical Professions Group (PCCPG) – made up of RPS, RCGP, RCN, Queen’s Nursing institute of Scotland and other bodies. A PCCGP event in the Scottish Parliament, sponsored by Clare Haughey (MSP), Convener of the Health, Social Care & Sport Committee, is to take place on 30 January 2024. This will be an ideal opportunity to demonstrate collaboration and to promote the vision and principles of the group.</p> <p>BMs asked how they could support the PA work stream and activities. RB noted that the Scottish team can organise the events but Board member support would be welcomed for advice, attendance when appropriate and the provision of case studies etc.</p> | |
| <p>23/06/05.</p> | <p>Any other business Led by: AC, SPB Chair</p> <p>There was no other business.</p> | |

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The meeting closed at: 14:40