#### **OPEN BUSINESS**

# ROYAL PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

#### **SCOTTISH PHARMACY BOARD**

Minutes of the open meeting on Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 14.15 by Zoom.

#### Present

### **Scottish Pharmacy Board**

Andrew Carruthers (AC) Chair, William (Iain) Bishop (IB), Tamara Cairney (TC), Omolola (Lola) Dabiri (OD), Kelsey Drummond (KS), Josh Miller (JM), Richard Shearer (RS), Jacqueline Sneddon (JS), Jill Swan (JW), Audrey Thompson (AT), Lucy Dixon (LD)

## **RPS Staff**

Clare Morrison (CM), Director for Scotland

## **Apologies**

Catriona Sinclair (CS) Vice Chair

The agenda was changed to allow further discussion on the PDA Safer Pharmacies Charter.

# PDA Safer Pharmacies Charter continued

The following two questions were put to the SPB.

- 1: Should RPS endorse the PDA Safer Pharmacies Charter?
- 2. Should RPS endorse the following statement: "RPS broadly agrees with the PDA Safer Pharmacies Charter. To take this forward, we invite the PDA to work with RPS to create a joint statement which reflects both the principles of the RPS Charter and RPS policies and professional standards on wellbeing and safety across all sectors of pharmacy."

BMs raised the following points:

- AT expressed concerns about governance and process, including no paper to enable BMs to prepare for the discussion and a lack of clarity over declarations of interest
- AC agreed with AT and asked why the RPS usual endorsement process hadn't been followed
- LD asked if the item should have been stopped at an earlier stage
- TC asked why the item had been put onto the agenda without adequate preparations
- IB agreed with the concerns about a lack of paper
- JS said that the RPS usual endorsement process should have been followed
- LD highlighted concerns about conflicts of interest

The SPB agreed unanimously that it did not want to move to a vote at this stage. It recommended that the PDA submitted the Safer Pharmacies Charter to the RPS endorsement process for full consideration.

## 1 Future ways of working

### 1a. RPS member engagement in Scotland

CM asked the Board to consider the following proposals for engaging with RPS members in Scotland:

- An annual celebration and welcoming event to be held in Melville Street every September. This would combine the previous "Welcome to the profession" event as requested by JM, and celebrate new fellows and any other awards. This could be held after the September Board meeting. All Scottish Fellows could be invited.
- A Fellows' networking event to be held in Melville Street in the Spring to bring Fellows together as a network and to feed into RPS ideas/policy area discussions.
- Christine Bond, Chair of the Panel of Fellows, had contacted RPS to request consideration be given to more networking opportunities for Fellows, and it was hoped these proposals would go some way to meet this request.

The Board supported these proposals.

# 1b. SPB meetings

CM asked the Board to consider its preference for:

- 1. Frequency of meetings quarterly all day versus quarterly 3/4 day plus two 1-hour evening meetings
- 2. Type of meetings in-person, virtual or hybrid

The Board agreed that future meetings should be:

- 1. Continue with the quarterly ¾ day plus two 1-hour evening meetings
- 2. Support for two meetings a year to be in person, but to always offer a hybrid option for Board members who cannot travel in order to meeting Inclusion & Diversity standards.

The meeting closed at 14.45