

WELSH PHARMACY BOARD MEETING – OPEN BUSINESS

Minutes of the open meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2022 at RPS Offices, 2 Ash Tree Court, Woodsy Close Cardiff, CF23 8RW and via Zoom

Present:

Welsh Pharmacy Board

Cheryl Way (CW) Chair, Eleri Schiavone (ES), Helen Davies (HD), Richard Evans (RE), Geraldine Mccaffrey (GM) Vice Chair, Gareth Hughes (GH), Liz Hallett (LH) Rhian Lloyd-Evans, (RE), Lowri Puw (LP)

RPS Staff

Elen Jones (EJ) Director for Wales, Alwyn Fortune (AF) Policy and Engagement Lead, Cath Ward (CW), Business Manager Wales, Ross Gregory (RG), Head of External Affairs, Wales, Iwan Hughes (IH) Policy and public affairs executive Wales

Apologies

Dylan Jones
Elly Thomas

<p>1. (13.50) 60 mins</p>	<p>Work Planning for 2023</p>	<p>For discussion</p>	<p>EJ provided an overview of the aims and objectives of the session as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To reflect and gain feedback from board members on 2022 workplan activities - To obtain advice and input on key strategic areas for improvements and opportunities for the RPS Country Team workplan for 2023 - To be informed about the strategic priority's areas for the NHS and the pharmacy profession for now and the future - To consider how RPS can collaborate with the NHS and Government to support the development of the profession and improve patient care - Begin to scope out priority areas and themes for 2023 activities to support the profession and improve patient care. <p>The WPB reflected on the 2022 work plan focussing on a range of questions from what has gone well to are there areas to improve and what do we think members feel about our work.</p> <p>In discussion the following points were noted: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members have been very satisfied with the PDaHW engagement events and associated project. The wellbeing work and inclusion and diversity programme through the ABCD group has been positively received. RPS support and guidance tools have been useful, particularly the expanding scope of prescribing practice and all the materials provided throughout covid pandemic. Unfortunately, there has been negative twitter activity in connection with the wider RPS leadership and Assembly decisions. On the whole members have given positive feedback - WPB feel that there should be more communication targeted at non-members, and are eager to work with the team to help make this happen
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2. (14:50) 30 mins	Professional leadership commission	For discussion	This item was covered in the main National Pharmacy Board session 29 th September 2022, and these minutes will be published on the website in due course
3. (15:20) 30 mins	PDaHW – Vision update	22.09.WPB.01	<p>RG and EJ provided an update on the PDaHW Vision – Goals 2025. He advised that the approach taken had been to create a single strategic communication plan, which has been signed up to and owned by all stakeholders.</p> <p>He advised the board on the changes of the updated goals for the areas: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhancing patient experience, to ensure that all patient facing pharmacists can prescribe to meet patient needs. - Developing the pharmacy workforce to ensure that every member of the pharmacy team has access to training to maximize their contribution to patient care. - Seamless pharmaceutical care, to focus that Pharmacy is a core part of the patients’ multi-disciplinary team and are considered in all new care pathways. - Innovation and technology, and that supply of medicines is streamlined, and artificial Intelligence and personalised medicines are championed by pharmacy teams. <p>The board discussed the PDaHW logo which was being changed to give an improved identity. WPB provided opinions on the different options.</p>

			<p>WPB noted that the launch event was scheduled for Thursday 27th October 2022 at the Glamorgan County Cricket Club, where there would be an opportunity for networking and photos. The Minister for Health and Social Services, Eluned Morgan would be giving a keynote speech, and board members were asked to sign up to the event,</p> <p>The next steps will be to ensure a strong communications plan and organisation of the launch event, with social media promotions about the launch. We have organised a drop-in session with Members of the Senedd and the team will continue with a programme of local/national engagement/update events. WPB were pleased to have been involved in all stages of the development of the new goals.</p>
4. (15:50) 20 mins	Daffodil Standards	22.09.WPB.02	WPB noted the update on the Daffodil Standards provided in the briefing paper.
5. (16.10)	Senedd Members Perception Audit	For discussion	<p>RG updated the WPB that Camlas (Public Affairs Consultancy) had been commissioned to independently undertake the audit. The aim was to measure Senedd Members' awareness of familiarity with and knowledge of the RPS, and the relative position of the organisation vis-à-vis comparable bodies.</p> <p>Interviews had taken place with a cross section of MSs in June/July. Members of the Health & Social Care Committee were also specifically included. A Party-political analysis was undertaken.</p> <p>WPB noted that key findings revealed that there was: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall respondents seem to think of the RPS favourably - Acknowledgement of RPS being a well-respected institution, valuing the status and reliability of the organisation and its research - Limited understanding of RPS (compared to other organisations) - RPS campaign raising issues of E-Rx & pharmacist wellbeing was well recognised

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All political parties were complimentary about a recent RPS drop-in event on wellbeing which they found informative. <p>The board in discussions raised the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pleased that we had been compared to such well-known and respected bodies that focus a lot of attention and finance on political work. In terms of reputation RPS clearly faired very well. - RPS also viewed positively against other organisations in terms of visibility <p>Next steps RPS needs to build new and continue existing relationships with Senedd Members, with more face-to-face interaction needed. There needs to be more targeted engagement with specific M’S to harness support</p> <p>It was noted that RPS should utilise partnership opportunities to promote joint messages and these opportunities would be coming up with ABPI and Marie Curie soon.</p> <p>The team will update the board on any progress, and this will be monitored, and evaluated & lessons learned drawn out.</p>
<p>6. AOB</p>			<p>The board raised two issues for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assembly dates and NPBCF as well as other RPS meetings were not made available, so they felt unprepared to advise the chair on potential decisions - Pharmacogenomics – board names had been put forward to take part in the workstream, but BMs did not feel fully included in this work. <p>Action- CW to investigate and report back to the board.</p>