

ENGLISH PHARMACY BOARD MEETING – OPEN BUSINESS

Minutes of the open meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 12.50pm on zoom

Present:

English Pharmacy Board

Thorrún Govind (TG) Chair, Martin Astbury (MA) Vice Chair, Adebayo Adegbite (AA), Claire Anderson (CA), Emma Boxer (EM), Sibby Buckle (SB), Ciara Duffy (CD), Mary Evans (ME), Brendon Jiang (BJ), Alisdair Jones (AJ), Erutase (Tase) Oputu (TO), Michael Maguire (MM), Paul Summerfield (PS)

In attendance:

RPS Staff

Paul Bennett (PB) Chief Executive, Jenny Allen (JA) CPhO Fellow to the RPS, Corrine Burns (CB) PJ Correspondent, James Davies, Director for England, Yvonne Dennington (YD) Business Manager, England, Amandeep Doll (AD) Head of Professional Belonging; John Lunny (JL), Public Affairs Lead England, Heidi Wright, Practice and Policy Lead for England

In Attendance

RPS member observers (by zoom)

Cathy Picton, Consultant for Vision on Pharmacy Practice in England

Apologies

Ewan Maule (EM)

23.02.EPB.01	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed board members, staff, invited guests and observers to the meeting and noted apologies from Ewan Maule.</p>	
23.02.EPB.02	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The EPB noted paper 23.02.EPB.03</p>	
23.02.EPB.03	<p>Minutes of the Previous meeting on 28 June 2022</p> <p>The EPB noted paper 22.02.EPB.04 and confirmed that these minutes were an accurate record of proceedings. The minutes were approved by Claire Anderson and seconded by Adebayo Adegbite,</p> <p>There were no matters arising from these minutes.</p>	
23.02.EPB.04	<p>English Pharmacy Board Elections 2023</p> <p>The English Pharmacy Board noted paper 23.02.EPB.05</p>	
23.02.EPB.05	<p>Vision for Professional Pharmacy Practice in England</p> <p>JD introduced this item saying that he was going to focus on progress made so far on the work of the Vision and the EPB specific areas of focus. He referred the Board members to a presentation setting out progress and agreed to circulate this after the meeting. The RPS will be assembling an Oversight Group to work collaboratively with others towards the implementation of the Vision and the EPB will be key in supporting this group.</p> <p>We will be supporting pharmacy leaders in ICBs and ICSs to embrace and support the vision going forwards and The King's Fund will be helping us to take this forward. We are working with PSNC (Community Pharmacy England) with the work they are doing on a vision for Community Pharmacy including funding arrangements. The King's Fund along with the Nuffield Trust have been commissioned by PSNC to develop this vision which aligns well with the England vision work.</p>	

	<p>The GB workplan (next item) will give further context to the implementation work of the Vision</p> <p>Action 1: JD to circulate Vision presentation</p>	
<p>23.02.EPB.06</p>	<p>GB Business Plan for 2023 for the three country boards</p> <p>The English Pharmacy Board noted paper 23.02.EPB/07 and the supporting presentation given by JD which will be circulated after the meeting.</p> <p>JD highlighted a few areas of work from the plan including:-</p> <p>The recently awarded project from NHSE for the National Overprescribing Review – Repeat Prescribing Toolkit – this will be a joint project with RCGP the details of which are still to emerge. This work will fit into the implementation plan for the Vision – ensuring patients get the best from their medicines.</p> <p>Virtual Wards offer a strong leadership role for the RPS. NHSE has an ambitious timeline of the end of year for this work – every ICS needs to have virtual ward capacity of 40 to 50 virtual ward ‘beds’ per 100,000 population – it is important that pharmacists and pharmacy teams are involved. PB cautioned taking on work without appropriate resource.</p> <p>Independent prescribing is a key pillar of our work for 2023, working with the pathfinder sites and developing guidance. This work could help members develop referral pathways such as the contraceptive service.</p> <p>The Inclusion and Diversity strategy is now at a mid-point and is being evaluated to assess the impact it has had and to identify areas where more work needs to be done.</p> <p>The RPS has had assurance from NHSE that pharmacy is included in the Long Term Workforce Plan. We need to ensure that we build on the vision we have set out and use our voice to advocate strongly on behalf of the profession.</p>	

	<p>The Protected Learning Time policy will be launched at the beginning of March.</p> <p>JD assured the Board that work was being distributed appropriately across the country teams. He added that he was working on a delivery plan which will be shared in due course.</p> <p>JD called on the board members for feedback, some of the points raised were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re the National over Prescribing review work it was highlighted how important it was to see electronic repeat prescribing as an enabler to release capacity• Protected Learning Time is important – there is a need to create a purpose for it - such as an enabler to support leadership programmes. It is also important that the whole pharmacy team is included in this policy.• The work of the Ambassadors is critical for a local presence – this should be supported by us• The vision work needs to link with the work of the Commission. JD added that delivering on the vision will demonstrate leadership.• Highlighting the need for technical services in relation to health inequalities and targeted medicines.• Career information – encouraging school children into pharmacy – JD said that the organisation is supportive of the work NHSE are doing in relation to NHS Ambassadors who are visiting schools to talk about pharmacy.• Urgent imperative for IP is to have read/write access to the patient record. Recent Coroner’s report has highlighted this issue for health professionals as a safety concern. NHSE does recognise this as a priority. RPS needs to establish whether DHSC is clear that pharmacists need write access as well as read access. Raise awareness of this with ICBs and ICSs too. <p>Action 2: JD to speak to DHSC about read/write access to records</p> <p>Action 3: JD to circulate GB business plan presentation</p> <p>Action 4: Put 1st slide of the workplan on the EPB webpage</p>	
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23.02.EPB.07	Dates of next NPB/EPB meetings: Dates for meetings in 2023 are 20 June – face to face - induction and working day for England and Wales only 21 June – zoom meeting 20 September – zoom meeting 9 th November – face to face in London	
23.02.EPB.08	Close of meeting at 14.20pm	

Action List

Item	Action	By Whom	Open/Closed/Comments
23.02.EPB.05	Action 1: JD to circulate Vision presentation	JD	Closed – circulated with Friday 10 Feb email
23.02.EPB.06	Action 2: JD to speak to DHSC about read/write access	JD	Open
23.02.EPB.06	Action 3: JD to circulate GB business plan presentation	JD	Closed – circulated with Friday 10 Feb email
23.02.EPB.06	Action 4: Put 1 st slide of the workplan on the EPB webpage	Team	Open