# **Digital Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group Agenda**

**Monday 23 January, 13.30pm-15.00pm**

**By Zoom – calendar invite sent to Group members and speakers:**

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## **1: Recognition**

**Introductions, apologies and declarations of interest (13.30-13.35)**

**Present:**

**Staff:**

**Apologies:**

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| **1.1** | **Update from previous meeting** | **13.35-13.40** |
| **Description** | Agendas and outcomes from previous meetings are published on the group’s webpage at: <https://www.rpharms.com/about-us/who-we-are/expert-advisors/digital-pharmacy-expert-advisory-group> | |
| **Purpose** | To review the outcomes and priorities from last meeting | |
| **Outcomes** |  | |

## **2: Relevance**

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| **2.1** | **Locum access to NHS email (England only)** | **13.40-14.00** |
| **Description** | The RPS English Pharmacy Board has raised the issue of locum pharmacists having access to NHS mail. There is a centralised process, but it appears to be quite difficult to use and from what we understand it requires an employing organisation to sponsor a locum in order for them to receive an NHS email address. We have been told that the process for GP locums in England is a lot easier. We would like to discuss this at the DPEAG to understand what happens in each country and to potentially explore how the system could be improved for locums as, currently, they are not receiving information and intelligence to help them in their roles.  **Heidi Wright, Practice and Policy Lead, England** | |
| **Purpose** | To discuss the challenges for locums and to consider how to improve access to NHS mail. | |
| **Outcomes** |  | |

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| **2.2** | **NHS Digital** | **14.00-14.15** |
| **Description** | This session will provide the group with updates from NHS Digital.  Invited speaker:  Paul Wright, NHS Digital Terminology Specialist | |
| **Purpose** | To be up to date with NHS Digital. | |
| **Outcomes** |  | |

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| **2.3** | **Subgroup updates** | **14.15-14.30** |
| **Description** | The Digital Pharmacy EAG subgroups has the following subgroups: to discuss their priorities and workplans:   * Technologies subgroup * Medicines Record subgroup * Key performance indicators subgroup | |
| **Purpose** | To receive updates from the subgroups on their priorities and work. | |
| **Outcomes** |  | |

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| **2.4** | **Community Pharmacy IT Group** | **14.30-14.40** |
| **Description** | DPEAG Chair to provide an update on some of the topics on the agenda of the CP-IT group in the coming months. | |
| **Purpose** | To receive an update on the work of the Community Pharmacy IT Group. | |
| **Outcomes** |  | |
| **2.5** | **Responses to consultations** |  |
| **Description** | There are no current consultations pertaining to Digital. | |
| **Purpose** |  | |
| **Outcomes** |  | |

## **3: Communication**

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| **3.1** | **Messages for RPS members** | **14:40-14:50** |
| **Description** | Sharing information with RPS members is an essential role for RPS, and the EAG’s advice on what information is useful and relevant to communicate is vital. | |
| **Purpose** | To decide what aspects of the EAG’s work should be shared with members, and how best to share them. To make recommendations to RPS on other communication with members needed in the EAG’s subject area. | |
| **Outcomes** |  | |

## **4: Any other business 14:50 – 15.10**

DP EAG members to raise any other business.

**DPEAG 0922 - Appendix 1.**

**Digital Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group recommendations for future work of RPS**

**Recommended priorities for Country Board plans**

1. **Medicine Records interoperability and communication**

* Develop a policy statement setting out why interoperability and shared medicine records are essential. Work with stakeholders to achieve this.
* Develop information resources for pharmacists about implementation of Medicines Interoperability Information Standards Notice (DAPB4013) and scheduled publication of Medicines Data ISN (or equivalent in devolved nations), including terminology and links to other resources.
* Develop a policy statement setting out why digital prescribing and transfer of relevant information (eg, immediate discharge letters and referrals for discharge prescriptions) across all sectors of healthcare is essential. Work with stakeholders to achieve this.

1. **Digital Education and Career development**

* Describe a career development pathway in informatics and data science for pharmacists in all sectors of health care, including links to resources, educational programmes.
* Develop an RPS consultant Digital pharmacist profile (CCIO or CNIO roles, link with existing pharmacist CCIOs).
* Work with pharmacy undergraduate education providers and GPhC to include clinical informatics, artificial intelligence and digital therapeutics in curricula.
* Work to be supported by a subgroup of the Digital Pharmacy EAG.

1. **Equality and equity in digital design and use**

* Create a policy statement setting out how pharmacy should ensure health equality and equity are properly considered in both the design of digital products and how they are used in pharmacy, eg, digital inclusion, Down Syndrome Act, Sign language, information translation.
* Contribute to RPS policy on the role of digital in reducing health inequalities.

**Actions for Digital Pharmacy EAG**

1. **Advise RPS on future digital developments**

* Form a digital network, led by the Digital Pharmacy EAG, to undertake horizon scanning for digital developments (such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, software applications, automation, drone) that will have a significant impact on pharmacy practice.
* Make recommendations to RPS on where there is a need for guidance for pharmacists on new digital developments, such as use of automation.

1. **Support priorities identified above:**

* Form subgroup of the Digital Pharmacy EAG to contribute to policy development on interoperability.
* Form subgroup of the Digital Pharmacy EAG to contribute to policy development on digital education and career development.

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