

Pharmacy Delivering a Healthier Wales Delivery Board

Thursday, April 27, 2023

1. Welcome & apologies

The chair welcomed all board members to the meeting. Apologies were noted.

2. Update on staff support for PDaHW

RPS reported that adverts for project management roles for PDaHW had closed earlier in the month and that 2 part times appointments had been made – 1 pharmacy technician and 1 pharmacist.

3. PDaHW Webpages Update

RPS informed the board that an up to webpages were now live, hosted on rpharms.com. The webpages include links to the full 2030 and 2025 goals documents, summaries of both documents, a timeline of progress and blogs on how the vision has been put into practice.

It was agreed that more content would be uploaded to the webpages over the coming months and years – with a particular focus on developing a ‘champions network’.

4. PDaHW Conference Update and discussion

RPS updated the board on progress made in arrangements for PDaHW Conference later in 2023, with a focus on the patient experience workstream. She noted that a date and venue has been arranged; the Park Gate Hotel, Cardiff on September 2023.

It was also confirmed that a short life working group will be established to help shape the agenda for the day.

The chair then asked for any initial thoughts and ideas from the board. Suggestions included:

- Brining issues to life through patient stories.
- An opportunity to launch a champions network and to engage members of the professions who may not have engaged with PDaHW to date.
- An opportunity to collate commitment for PDaHW Implementation.
- Engaging the public.
- A hybrid element.

- Providing practical help to support implementation of the goals with presentations from those who already are making the transitions in their practice.
- Perspectives from cutting edge practitioners outside of Wales.

5.Sub-groups: Priorities, membership and ways of working

The chair then introduced a discussion on the subgroups that will help drive forward the vision delivery with a focus on ways of working, priority and memberships.

It was agreed that the subgroups would continue to be aligned to the PDaHW's core themes. However, the workforce theme will be incorporated into HEIW's Pharmacy Advisory Board.

Discussion on membership of the three groups focused on reflecting on what skills and knowledge are required within each group with proposed changes and additions broadly agreed.

Discussing ways of working, the board reflected on best practice for the initial 3 years and agreed on the importance of standardised ways of working that included having firm priorities, terms of references and a work plan in place.

It was also agreed that communication and meetings between the sub-groups chairs, the Delivery Board Chair and RPS staff should be a regular occurrence with quarterly meetings suggested.

6. HEIW Update

HEIW updated the board on the development of a Strategic Pharmacy Workforce Plan for Wales. An overview was provided of the themes that emerged during the consultation processes and explained that the final document will be published and launched in the summer.

7. Digital Health Wales Update

The Delivery Board then provided the board with an update on DHW priorities including the digital medicines transformation portfolio, electronic prescribing, shared medicines records and the NHS Wales App.

8. Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework for 2023 to 2024

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of the recently published community pharmacy framework for the upcoming 12 months. It was agreed that the service driven aspect of the contract is a positive, but the fragility of the sector and challenges in delivering

the contract – particularly managing dispensing and creating new ways of working will prove challenging.

9. Close

The chair reflected on the final contributions from HEIW and DHW and asked board members to bring this information into their subgroups to help inform discussions. He also asked the board to consider what external updates would prove useful to help inform vision delivery at future meetings of the delivery board and sub-groups.