

## WELSH PHARMACY BOARD MEETING – OPEN BUSINESS

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

### Present:

#### Welsh Pharmacy Board

Cheryl Way (CW) Chair, Eleri Schiavone (ES), Helen Davies (HD), Richard Evans (RE), Geraldine Mccaffery (GM) Vice Chair, Gareth Hughes (GH), Liz Hallett (LH) Rhian – Lloyd Evans, (RE)

#### 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  
Lowri Puw  
Elly Thomas

Please note the agenda was changed to further discuss the PDA Safer Pharmacies Charter

	<p><b>PDA Safer Pharmacies Charter continued</b> The following two questions were put into the WPB with a view to voting Should RPS endorse the PDA Safer Pharmacies Charter?</p>	
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“RPS broadly agrees with the PDA Safer Pharmacies Charter. To take this forward, we invite the PDA and others to work with RPS to create a joint statement which reflects both the principles of the Charter and RPS policies and professional standards on wellbeing and safety across all sectors of pharmacy.”

For context CW explained that a paper had been submitted at the previous NPB meeting in February, but not everyone had received the paper, so the item was pulled from the agenda.

EJ also explained the process for papers being taken at National Board Meetings and papers to Assembly.

BMs on the call raised the following points on Option 1 – moving to a vote:

- New board members had not received any paper so did not feel in a position to vote today.
- Not appropriate to call a vote whilst not fully informed.
- BMs hadn't received video or papers as told by PDA, although it was noted that an email with a link to the charter on the website had been sent from PDA
- WPB felt that the Item was mismanaged and were not happy to go into a vote.
- BMs were concerned about the process proposed vote on the spot, and this doesn't align with expected board behaviour
- Concerns were expressed about the board voting in favour of something that goes against RPS' own guidance, most notably the issue of self-checking which has an approach in the MEP
- Most of the points in the charter are already supported in other RPS policies including workforce and wellbeing policies.
- Confusion over having a hospital charter and a pharmacy premises charter, noted that there are differences between the two, and also what about our members working in other sectors

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- WPB would like an inclusive approach to creating one charter for all and would value working with the PDA, it was noted that some members of the board were disappointed that the PDA were not open to this collaboration</li><li>- The proposal has not been rejected all together, but that a paper is needed before a decision could be made.</li></ul> <p>WPB decision - not to move to a vote and reiterated that the views expressed above were noted at the NPB meeting.</p> <p>Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- In general WPB were happy with second proposal of working collaboratively, but Paul Day said that would not be up for discussion</li><li>- PDA made it clear that this is not a collaboration. Makes option 2 a statement that we know is something we can't fulfil. This is not an issue for Wales and has never been raised in discussions or election campaigns in Wales</li><li>- In summary very difficult to bring this to a vote because collaboration from the PDA seems like something that wouldn't be possible.</li></ul> <p>WPB would like an "all sector" Safer Pharmacy Charter</p>	
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