# **Hospital Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group Agenda with Outcomes**

**Wednesday 8 June 14:30-16:30 held via TEAMS**

**Attendees:**Jatinder Harchowal (Chair)  
Roger Fernandes (Deputy Chair)  
Rob Duncombe  
Catherine Picton  
Raliat Onatade  
Nicola Greenhalgh  
Mark Borthwick

Oweikumo Eradiri  
Rahul Singal  
Claire Steel  
Benjamin Hannan  
Tracy Rogers  
David Campbell  
Karen Harrowing  
Paula Russell  
Wing Tang  
Angela Crawford

**Guests:** Professor Anthony Avery, Kat Lesboquet, Natasha Callender

**Apologies:** Ravi Sharma, Beth Ward, Melinda Cuthbert, Melanie Bryan, David Cook

## **1: Welcome, apologies and matters arising (15 mins) Led by Jat Harchowal**

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| **Progress review** | |
| Description | Recommendations agreed at last meeting:   * Attendance Next Meeting: * CEO Paul Bennett to attend HEAG meeting in June - Deferred to next meeting for strategy update and independent commission * Future Clinical Pharmacy: Natasha Callender to share slides and actions wanted from the group. HEAG to give time to NC at June meeting. * Hospital Pharmacy Standards: Sarah Crawshaw invited to attend HEAG to provide update to HEAG at June meeting * Aseptic Group, chaired by Steve Brown (paper attached to agenda email)   Oweikumo Eradiri provided a verbal update to accompany the Steve Brown paper flagging workforce gaps, possible mitigations and prompting a wider discussion about availability of pharmacists in aseptics.  **Action:** Oweikumo was invited to update HEAG again at the next HEAG meeting. |

## **2: Future Clinical Pharmacy (20 mins) Led by Natasha Callender (RF)**

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| Description | The Chief Pharmaceutical Officer has commissioned the development of proposals to consider the future delivery of clinical pharmacy services in NHS Hospitals in England over the next 3 to 5 years. It aims to support the delivery of NHS policy through NHS hospitals as part of integrated care systems (ICS), to work collaboratively to integrate medicines optimisation and pharmacy services for patients and respond to the HSIB report. The aim of the work is to scope potential opportunities, gaps and recommendations for the consolidation of services to support recovery and options for Future Clinical Pharmacy in English NHS Hospitals to meet current, unmet and future needs |
| Purpose | To provide an update. |
| Outcomes | Natasha provided an update on interim findings with themes around consolidation of clinical pharmacy services and transforming service delivery. Feedback was provided by HEAG, including the need for creative solutions to sit alongside the data and numbers.  The timescales for completion of the next stage of the work is unclear but there is an intention for this work to feed into the work of the independent commission.  Chair confirmed HEAG are happy to support this pilot going forward and bring back the work to HEAG after final report is published.  Natasha was invited to update HEAG in a future meeting. |

## **3: Overprescribing (25 mins) Led by Professor Avery**

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| **Purpose** | To provide an update on overprescribing. |
| **Outcomes** | Professor Avery talked through his presentation with an ask for RPS HEAG to  Promote and support implementation of:   * + the Interoperative Medicines Programme   + updated transfer of care standards and guidance which now highlight overprescribing. * Advise and input expertise into the emerging plans for implementing improvements in transfer of care * Provide clinical leadership in ICSs * Develop services to support primary care prescribers undertaking complex SMRs * Contribute to achieving the NHS net zero carbon ambition   HEAG discussions covered resources required to implement overprescribing recommendations. RPS HEAG are keen to help support the overprescribing programme and implementation of the recommendations and actions. |

## **4: Hospital Pharmacy Standards Update (5 mins) Led by Rob Duncombe (RF)**

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| **Description** | RPS Professional Standards for Hospital Pharmacy Standards 2022 Refresh |
| **Purpose** | To provide an update on progress of the refresh of the RPS Professional Standards for Hospital Pharmacy Services |
| **Outcomes** | Rob Duncombe provided an update on progress so far with the refresh of the RPS professional standards for Hospital Pharmacy.  **Action:** Rob to be invited to update at the next HEAG meeting. |

**5. RPS Vision for Pharmacy (20 minutes) Led by Cathy Picton (JH)**

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| **Purpose** | RPS to update on Vision for Pharmacy across GB |
| **Outcomes** | Cathy Picton provided an update and discussion around RPS work to develop a new vision for pharmacy in England, and existing vision work in Scotland and Wales.  Action: HEAG to be involved in the development of the vision for England (including HEAG members from Scotland and Wales) and also for HEAG to link groups who may be interested to Cathy Picton.  **Action:** Cathy Picton’s slides to be shared with minutes. |

**6: RPS Update (10 mins) Led by Wing Tang**

**6.1 Virtual Wards**

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| **Purpose** | To request an RPS representative to support NHS E and I on developing brief virtual wards guidance for pharmacy. |
| **Outcomes** | There was no time to cover this item during the meeting.  RPS to follow up by email. |

**6.2 FIT Note Update**

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| **Description** | Update on FIT note certification |
| **Purpose** | To update HEAG on imminent changes to FIT note legislation in 2022 and to nominate a representative to feed into fit-note developments in secondary care. |
| **Outcomes** | HEAG briefed in advance of Fit-note legislation expected to be laid in parliament on the 10th June, coming into force on the 1st of July extending right of certification to pharmacists, nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists.  HEAG asked to nominate a representative to fit-note developments in secondary care. |

**7: Membership and succession planning (15 mins) Led by Wing Tang**

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| **Description** | To review the approach to recruitment of future membership and succession planning. |
| **Purpose** | To obtain feedback on the approach to recruiting new members to the group and agree succession planning to support group effectiveness and sustainability |
| **Outcomes** | Chair advised stepping down as 3rd term on the Committee, with Roger Fernandes undertaking role of Interim Chair going forward. There was no time to cover this item further during the meeting.  Action: RPS to follow up by email. |

**8: Summarising Key Actions & Goodbyes (10 mins) Led by Jat Harchowal**

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| **Description** | * Summarising key actions and next steps |
| **Outcomes** | HEAG members were thanked for their dedication and contribution to hospital pharmacy with special recognition for the members of the group who are retiring from HEAG.  The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 21 September @ 2:30pm – 4:30pm |

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| **9: The following information has been shared with HEAG Chair or members** | |
| **What** | **When** |
| RPS endorsement of Multi-Speciality Workforce Matrix Guidance document for Emergency Departments, feedback sought on document by HEAG | 4th April 2022 |
| RPS sought HEAG thoughts on Consultant Pharmacists outside Pharmacy roles | 19th April 2022 |
| RPS submission to HSIB Draft Consultation on Administering high strength insulin, for review and comment by HEAG | 10th May 2022 |
| RPS comments and endorsement of guidance to support the DOAC commissioning recommendations | 1st June 2022 |

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| **Relevant upcoming events and webinars** [**https://www.rpharms.com/events**](https://www.rpharms.com/events) | **When** |
| Vision for Pharmacy Practice in England - exploring themes | Wednesday, 15th June 2022 - Monday, 27th June 2022 10:00 am - 8:30 pm |
| RPS Science and Research Summit 2022 | Friday 24th June 9.30am - 5:00pm |