# **Primary Care Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group Agenda and Notes**

**Tuesday 26 September 2023 19.00 – 21.00 By Zoom**

## **1: Welcome, Apologies and introduction (10 mins) - Anne Thomson**

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| **Description** | To welcome, note apologies and introduction to the content of the meeting |
| **Purpose** | To raise any matters arising  |
| **Outcomes** | **Attendees** Aiysha RooafAnne Thomson  Clair Huckerby  Emily BondGraham Stretch   Hadeel Mohamed  Helen KilminsterJane HallJennifer McCutcheonKamaljit Takhar   Rosemary Furner **Apologies** Danny Bartlett (EPB)Lucy Ann HigginsRichard Shearer (SPB)  **Non-attendance** Jalek Shukla Jodie WhiteKemi Gibson Raj Bajwa Shasta Parveen Chimhau   **Speakers** Heidi Wright (RPS) Patsy Edwards (RPS)Wing Tang (RPS) **Observers** Deborah AdedoyeThe group members paid their respect to Nina Barnett and recognised all the amazing work she had been involved in during her pharmacy career |

## **2: Credentialling and recognition : The different routes (30 mins) – Patsy Edwards**

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| **Description** | RPS have different pathways for credentialling and recognition including core advanced framework and Faculty. We will explore the options available and discuss what might work best for individuals working in primary care |
| **Purpose** | Discuss the different routes to credentialling and recognition offered by RPS |
| **Outcomes** | Patsy Edwards presented slides which were circulated to group members post meeting. Discussion was had around Faculty and credentialling using the foundation, advanced and consultant frameworks. Issues such as portfolio careers and how individuals can be supported through the process were raised and discussed. Raising awareness via employers and ensuring support in the same way medics are supported were seen as key, as well as clinical and educational supervision. Clarity is needed around the framework and the roadmap to professional and career progression. Need to break down barriers and make the process easier and define expectations around the pathway. Also needs to be included more in UG training so that pharmacists expect to progress and advance, it needs to be normalised. National intent around transforming roles is also an issue, itneeds a consistent approach to support workforce planning. Consultant roles tend to be seen in secondary / tertiary care and it would be great to have consultant pharmacists in primary care / general practice. Could be controversial as GPS are not consultants.**ACTIONS:*** ***HW to share slides with the group***
* ***All PCPEAG members to raise awareness of frameworks and career progression within their workplaces / areas***
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**3: Independent prescribing (15 mins) – Heidi Wright**

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| **Description** | To provide an update on the IP offer across RPS with a particular focus on the development of policy |
| **Purpose** | To get insight and feedback from PCPEAG members on this topic |
| **Outcomes** | Heidi presented slides which will be shared with the group members after the meeting. RPS Guidance to include prescribing and supply / administration as well as dispensing. Uni of Bradford and Leeds are doing research on double checking**ACTIONS:*** ***HW to share slides post meeting***
* ***HM to share contact details for research***
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## **4: Professional Standards Update (15 mins) – Wing Tang**

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| **Description** | To provide an update on the development of professional standards at RPS |
| **Purpose** | To get insight and feedback from PCPEAG members on this topic |
| **Outcomes** | Working on 4 sets of professional standards:* Homecare standards – system standards. Refresh of original standards published in 2013. Consultation stage. House of Lords active inquiry in this area. Standards due to be published at end of the year

**ACTION**: ***PCPEAG members to respond and circulate consultation where relevant**** Interim standards for virtual wards – Variability in the way VWs are delivered and some wards are progressing with no pharmacy involvement. Interim standards aim to support pharmacists working in VW to quality assure those VW that already exist and also provide confidence for those setting up VW. Main terminology will be ‘Hospital at Home’

**ACTION:** ***PCPEAG to be aware these standards are coming**** Error Reporting Standards – refresh of current standards. Consultation on current version happened in April. New version drafted and being reviewed by panel.
* Greener Pharmacy Standards – support pharmacies to achieve net zero and better environmental sustainability. NHSE commissioned work. Focus to develop standards, guidance and electronic toolkit to support community and hospital pharmacies to achieve net zero. Standards already exist for general practice. Will be consulting in October. Would be good to refer to the GP standards in the pharmacy standards.
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## **5: Annual Conference (10 minutes)– Neal Patel – Unable to attend**

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| **Description** | To provide an update on RPS annual conference |
| **Purpose** | To get insight and feedback from PCPEAG members on this topic |
| **Outcomes** | Conference planning is going well |

## **6:Foundation Offer (10 minutes) – Neal Patel – Unable to attend**

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| **Description** | To provide an update on the offer RPS provides to foundation pharmacists |
| **Purpose** | To get insight and feedback from PCPEAG members on this topic |
| **Outcomes** | https://www.rpharms.com/rps-membership/foundation |

**7: AOB and summary** (**10 mins) - Anne Thomson**

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| **Description** |  |
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| **Outcomes** | Discussed how the group was working and group members will feed back via email |