

Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales (P:DaHW) Delivery Board



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The *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales* Delivery Board met on 29th July 2021. The meeting was chaired by Geraldine McCaffrey, Secondary Care Pharmacist, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board who deputised for Chair Darren Hughes (Director of the Welsh NHS Confederation).

The Board received an update from the Seamless Pharmaceutical Care Sub-Group and reviewed the End of Year Funding Reports 2020/21 (round two).

Seamless Pharmaceutical Care

Theme leads, Jonathan Simms and Lloyd Hambridge, provided an update on the 2022 Goals within Seamless Pharmaceutical Care. Jonathan and Lloyd were keen to express their thanks to all members of the sub-group for their continued work and support.

Progress was noted against all of the groups agreed objectives. This included:

- Pharmacy representation with Primary Care Clusters; all 60 clusters have identified a Primary Care Cluster Community Pharmacy (PCCCP) Lead. This individual is a Community Pharmacist who will represent all Community Pharmacies across the Cluster and engage with the wider Cluster to align patient priorities. Feedback has been very positive and PCCCP Leads are reporting an increase in communication across Community Pharmacies within Clusters.
- Transforming access to medicines programme (TRAMS); £67m of Welsh Government funding will support a five year plan to deliver aseptic services at scale via three regional hubs across Wales. The programme will seek to reduce the outsourcing of technical service activity outside of Wales, maximise existing technical service skills, support further investment in workforce development and improve patient access to aseptically prepared medicines.
- Community Pharmacy Contract Framework; positive discussions between Welsh Government and Community Pharmacy Wales are ongoing and agreement has been reached across a number of areas of the contract, including revision of the Quality & Safety scheme, investment in Local and National services to provide consistency across Wales and further support for Independent Prescribing.

Jonathan and Lloyd requested expressions of interest for additional membership of their sub-group. The Board were asked and agreed to cascade to relevant colleagues. In addition, members of the workforce who are interested in contributing to Seamless Pharmaceutical Care can contact the *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales* mailbox Pharmacy.DeliveryBoard@gov.wales

The Board also considered the success measures relating to Care Homes and Community Resource Teams (CRT). Positive discussions highlighted the importance of defining roles and responsibilities of pharmacy teams in these areas, identifying the good practice that is already in place across Wales, and evaluating and sharing the benefits of

these role. The Board noted that a National Strategy for Care Homes and CRTs could be a priority area for a future Welsh Clinical Leadership Fellow; Margaret Allan (HEIW) shared information regarding an invite for Organisations to submit project proposals for the 2022/23 cohort of Clinical Fellows.

End of year funding reports 2020/21

The Board reviewed the second round of End of Year Reports from projects funded during 2020/21. These projects were designed to test innovative solutions to support progress towards our 2022 goals within *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales*.

The Board noted their thanks to all project teams and discussed a number of key points for each of the projects which will be followed up by Welsh Government Officials. The importance of having clear outcomes was highlighted; all project teams will continue to have access to academic support for the full lifecycle of the projects. In addition the need for a more detailed evaluation and Impact Assessments was discussed; the development of a small assessment group including academia, RSIG (Research Strategy Implementation Group) Wales and clinicians will be considered to ensure the value of each project is captured. The group would report to, and advise, the Delivery Board on opportunities for future progression.

The Board are keen for the learning from these projects to be shared widely and plan to include a section on the *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales* website which is still under development.

The next meeting of the *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales* Delivery Board will take place on **Thursday 16 September 2021 0930-1100**.

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