

Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales Delivery Board

31st March 2022

Communique



The *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales* Delivery Board met on 31st March 2022. The meeting was chaired by Darren Hughes, Director of the Welsh NHS Confederation.

Spring Engagements Events - update

Elen Jones, Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS), provided an update to the Board. RPS have kindly offered to facilitate a series of engagement events in the spring of 2022. These events will provide an opportunity to celebrate success and showcase some examples of what the profession has achieved to date.

In addition, they will also provide an opportunity to invite the profession to be involved in developing future goals and corresponding success measures.

A number of dates have already been confirmed (these include dates for North Wales and the South East). Further dates to be finalised shortly and will be added to the RPS website and [PDaHW webpages](#).

Board members have committed to attending engagement events as have the Chief Pharmacists Groups and the Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee Members. The Board discussed the opportunity these events would provide in regards to:

- Considering the future delivery of services
- Discussing what has gone well and which areas require more work
- Celebrating and building on successes

Discussion on Project funding 2022/23

The Board recognise that there has been a huge amount of hard work across all sectors over the last two years and are grateful for everything the pharmacy profession has delivered and achieved throughout the COVID19 pandemic. There has been particular success in developing key areas such as the Community Pharmacy Contract Framework and the Primary Care Cluster Community Pharmacy Leads.

Natalie Proctor, Head of Pharmacy and Prescribing, Welsh Government, proposed a change to funding arrangements for 2022/23. This would mean a move away from a focus on smaller pilot projects and instead provide a more substantial financial offering where teams had the ambition to demonstrate system wide change.

Welsh Government welcome the approach already taken by some health boards in commissioning an independent review of hospital pharmacy services and proposed to support a Wales wide review. The Board fully support this approach.

Feedback from Urgent Pharmacy Workforce Short Life Working Group

The Health Education Improvement Wales (HEIW) Urgent Workforce Solutions Short Life Working Group (SLWG) was formed early in 2022 in response to calls from Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee (WPC) to bring together stakeholders to initiate 'a co-ordinated range of short-term solutions to stabilise and improve the current pharmacy workforce crisis in Wales'.

PDaHW Board has Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician representation at the HEIW Urgent Workforce Solutions SLWG as a stakeholder group invested in workforce development across Wales. Eleri Schiavone provided feedback to the Board in regards to the meetings that had taken place to date. The work has so far provided a list of Urgent Workforce Solutions Themes which was shared Board members prior to the meeting for them to consider.

Board members were asked to provide any comments they would like to be fed back to the SLWG and also encouraged to disseminate outputs across their networks as and when they arise.

The next meeting of the *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales* Delivery Board will take place in May, date tbc.

The Board are looking forward to welcoming members of the Project Teams who were awarded funding during 2021/22 to support projects aligned to the goals within P:DaHW. Further detail on the projects funded to date can be found [here](#).

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