

# Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales Delivery Board

10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Communique



The second meeting of the *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales* Delivery Board took place on 10<sup>th</sup> September. The Board, chaired by Darren Hughes, Director of the Welsh NHS Confederation, comprises a range of individuals working across the pharmacy profession and within supporting agencies in Wales who will be instrumental in together shaping the progress of the Pharmacy Vision over the coming months and years.

At this second meeting the Board's discussions centred on:

- Reviewing progress towards the 2022 goals – a wide ranging discussion took place with members assessing where progress is going well and where efforts need to be focussed. Clear agreement was reached on the need for targets (or measurements) for each of the 2022 goals to help identify a series of 'stepping stones' or enablers to deliver on each of the goals. It was agreed a dedicated sub-group will be established to define these targets prior to the next Board meeting in October. Sub-groups leading on the four specific themes of the Vision will also be established, with The Digital Medicines Management sub-group already being formed and chaired by Cheryl Way from NWIS.
- Reviewing proposals for project funding which were submitted prior to the pandemic. The Board welcomed the project proposals and reiterated its commitment to support innovative projects that align to *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales*. The Board were also keen to ensure there is an emphasis on the evaluation of the projects in terms of feasibility and outcomes which could support consolidation and scaling to the National level if appropriate. Project proposers will be contacted shortly to discuss these asks, with funding offers to follow. Further funding proposals will be invited shortly and bidders will be asked to submit written proposals to the Delivery Board mailbox [Pharmacy.DeliveryBoard@gov.wales](mailto:Pharmacy.DeliveryBoard@gov.wales) and subsequently present their ideas to the Board directly.
- Prioritising communication with the profession about *Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales* and with the public on what the pharmacy profession does and what services they provide. Cascading information throughout the profession, including through members own networks and organisations will be vital. The Welsh Government has already produced a number of simple animations to help raise awareness:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjMeXSKvZdnv3BTvTvP5yyryNDXjtCWGj>.  
Options such as webinars and pharmacy press will be explored. Further suggestions on promoting the Vision, its aims and goals would be welcomed. Contact us at: [Pharmacy.DeliveryBoard@gov.wales](mailto:Pharmacy.DeliveryBoard@gov.wales)