

NHS Pharmacy Education and Development Committee UK

Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists Specialist (PTPSG) Group Meeting **Minutes Monday 26th January 2015** 50 Eastbourne Terrace, London

Attending: Alison Littlewood (secretary), Amanda Kemp (Chair), Alyson Winter (for HETV), Helen Bradbury, Helen Ireland, Maria Christou, Gill Shelton, Helen Fawcett, Michele Sehwat, Marc Miell, Rachel Stretch, Anne Watson (NES), Katie Maddock (Keele), Margaret Allan (WCPPE). Gail Fleming (for item 3b), Helen Middleton (for item 3)

Welcome to new attendees

Agenda items brought forward

3.b Pharmacy Education Reform - recruiting into major placements – for 5 year integrated pharmacy degree

The project is led by HEE. Gail Fleming gave the background to the project and how the model and process might develop, with reference to the NES system and those currently used for Medicine and Dentistry.

Presentation embedded not for further circulation



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Action: The project team are looking for expressions of interest from the LETBs to be involved in the pilot work to support a centralised selection process. Only hospital posts will be included and proposed for the 2017 intake. (not confirmed). Members to inform G Fleming if their LETB wishes to be involved.

3.a. National Recruitment Scheme for Hospital Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists

H Middleton reported that the RPS's Tier 5 sponsorship scheme, aimed at those undergraduate students who were already studying the MPharm prior to April 2012 (the date when the Tier 1 post study work was closed and Pre-registration pharmacists were no longer on the shortage occupation list) was for a fixed term only.

The RPS Scheme ended with the 2015 preregistration trainee pharmacist intake; however, those university students who were due to graduate in 2015 but had to defer until 2016 can still apply via Tier 5 until Nov 2016. It is likely that the NHS hospitals will see an influx in applications from trainees requiring a visa. Up to date information about visas is on the recruitment website.

<https://www.pharmalife.co.uk/browsehospitals/menu/id/NDE4/menu/title/RkFRIC0gVmlzYXM>

The National Recruitment Scheme is on track for the 2016 intake.

Feedback from tutors had identified themes for development; however, only 10 days development work is in the service level agreement. The Main committee did not support

non-essential developments with increased cost per place, so key themes would be prioritised by PTPSG.

Key aspects for development are:

- Ability to bulk code multiple applicants. Process will be:-
 - Code all to interviews
 - Code to reserve
 - Then choose to reject all remaining – this can be unpicked if incorrect
- Numbers and letters codes to be removed
- Wording change to academic referee
- Events will be changed to show in logical chronological order
- Application form download will split pages for individuals for printing
- Download will have title for student code – not reader
- Google maps might be removed once google analytics have been reviewed

Action – Since the ability to search for split placements would be too costly to develop members should email H Middleton as to where split posts are or give details as an extra field in the Regional page information

The timing of recruitment was discussed as H Fawcett had received concerns from NE Tutors that placement offers from NES had resulted in a reduction of candidates to attend their interviews. The question was posed whether the dates for English recruitment could be moved to avoid overlapping and/or move the time for shortlisting.

Action - For further discussion at next meeting.

Following a brief discussion on Regional clearing and issues around offering places to candidates who had not applied to an individual Trust, it was agreed that clear guidelines of the process should be made apparent to all applicants.

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1. Minutes of meeting Monday 14th July 2014

Typos amended as indicated. Item 2.d amended to read '*each* student placed'.

Minutes accepted as an accurate record

2. Matters arising (not on agenda)

a. New Chair and Deputy

Chair: Gill Shelton – Proposed - A. Kemp. Seconded – A. Littlewood

Deputy: Helen Ireland – Proposed - A. Kemp Seconded – M. Christou

The group thanked A. Kemp for all her hard work during her term of office as Chair.

b. Format of meetings – PED *Committee* will be known as PED Network. The Specialist Group will need to link into the Network working together or separately. A. Kemp opened discussion on key ideas for PTPSG remit, functions and purpose.

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Purpose

PTPSG should mirror the Main Network principal functions but specifically for pre-registration trainees

- Where necessary the group will operationalise decisions
- Respond to consultations and national policy

It was requested that members could be observers of the morning PEDN meeting. Community representatives will be invited for specific items if suitable person(s) can be identified

Title: Unchanged

Membership: wording to include “NHS funded” and “specific to pre-reg training”

Meetings: Face to Face meetings scheduled 4x per year at timings of main network

Action: A Kemp and G. Shelton to draft document

c. Follow-on from Francis report

i. Shared area – update.

There have been few developments to date and the site has been less dynamic recently

Action – members to revisit and add additional items that may have been missed.

A Kemp to add new members A.Winter and H.Bradbury to shared area & Wiki Group
Agenda item - reminder to look at recent additions.

ii. Education and learning outcomes for the proposed integrated programme (Expected publication Feb 2015)

Education and learning outcomes (section 10) for integrated programme

Ratified by GPhC council in September 2013. Consultation due now for March 2015. It was agreed that a response from PTPSG is essential.

Action: G.Shelton and M.Miell to arrange Webinar post release of outcomes and after the April meeting of GPhC Training managers and PTPSG.

GPhC cohort surveys.

Action: Agenda item at next meeting to discuss 2012-13 cohort report and 2nd survey conducted in July for 2013-14 trainees.

5. National Mock assessment papers – revision of papers for 2015

R.Stretch proposal that members of her team would take the lead on revision of the 2014 question papers was accepted. G Shelton has agreed to write SPC questions.

Action: Members to let R Stretch know when the mock exam is scheduled in their programme to set timescales for completion of the revision.

Agenda item next meeting for pre planning new GPhC paper

6. GPhC - Changes to the Registration Assessment briefing meetings.

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Manchester 24th Feb, London 3rd March 2015
Members to attend

7. Pre-Reg outcome survey and destination survey 2014 AK
Report on any trends over five years
A. Kemp report pending – for England

In future London data may be separated out to stop skew of results
R Stretch requested that Bradford first experience splits need to be accurately described as they appear under “attrition” because they do not complete or register but this may not be understood by LETB.

A.O.B

None

Date and Time of future meetings: 1.30pm
50 Eastbourne Terrace, Paddington

Wednesday 15 April 2015
Wednesday 15 July 2015 (TBC)
Wednesday 07 October
& Focus Event on Thursday 08 October 2015