
**Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists Specialist (PTPSG) Group
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th July 2012
50 Eastbourne Terrace, Paddington, London**

Present:

A Kemp (Chair), Alison Littlewood (Secretary), Helen Middleton, Maria Christou, Julie Sowter, Siobhan Burke-Adams, Janet Gilbertson, Andrea Hollister, Wasim Baqir (representing NE &GHP), Gill Shelton

Apologies: Rachel Stretch, Helen Badham, Helen Fawcett

1. **Minutes of last meeting 17th April 2012**

Minutes accepted as an accurate record of the last meeting.

2. **Matters arising**

2.1 **Band 6 survey.**

Template sent out. Data to be returned to A Kemp by Sept 28th 2012

2.2 **Exit survey summary and key messages.**

Previous report from M Christou is sufficient.



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Word 97 - 2003 Docu

Questions for 2012 – 13 exit survey will be discussed on October agenda. Group members will share content of all “End of year questionnaires” to refine commonalities and determine a suitable core set of questions.).

Action: J Sowter to receive questions by mid September.

2.3 **Work base assessment tools**

J Sowter - Minutes of meeting 17th May 2012 previously circulated. J Sowter described the background to the meeting and the examples of assessment tools . There will be a further meeting of the Leeds group in August and a small team has been formed to look at key tools to trial.

Post meeting note: The meeting of the Leeds group in August was deferred.

Members discussed tools that were useful for problematic areas. The assessment tool for professionalism was thought to be particularly useful.

Action: M Christou to circulate professionalism tool to the group

Members to share assessment tools (including any evaluations of them) with J Sowter.

Item to be reviewed for future Focus group

3. **National Recruitment Scheme**

H Middleton reported that the functionality for applications was still being developed and would be available in time for short-listing.

Webinars are recorded and written instructions will be sent out in August.

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Review and refinement of other potential additions will continue. WebEx technology may enable more recorded technology to be available (webinars and podcasts)

Immigration.

As a short-term measure RPS will now sponsor for Tier 5 visas. Information is on RPS website.

<http://www.rpharms.com/pharmacy-professional-sponsorship-scheme-for-overseas-pharmacy-students/faqs.asp>

Once the pre-registration year is completed trainees on a Tier 5 visa will need to leave the UK . Tier 2 visas will continue to be used for the NHS

4. Report from Main Committee – minutes to be circulated

Workstream 1 document to be revised and circulated (in phases).

Action: Any members who have comments to send to T Beswick by 20th July.

5. Destinations and Outcomes survey.

Templates have been sent out. A Kemp will provide any clarification on data required.

Post meeting note - Templates recirculated with deadlines as reminder.

Deadlines – could both spread sheets be returned with 'interim data' (i.e. as much as you have at this point) **by 3rd August**

can 'final' data (i.e. as accurate as it is going to get at this point) be returned **by 5th November**

6. Study Day Programmes

A Kemp has collated responses from members and circulated the document. Members discussed whether more work needed to be done. Examples of E-Learning may be collated for future information

Action: Any amendments and comments to be sent to A Kemp and the final document re-circulated.

Members to highlight free learning packages and A Kemp to provide info on CPPE learning packages suitable for Pre-regs.

It was agreed that group members will need to articulate what is covered in the Regional pre-reg programmes for Modernising Pharmacy Careers (MPC) Workstream 1. A mapping exercise should look at current GPhC performance standards and examination syllabus to see where they fit with the Education and Training (E&T) standard outcomes.

*Action: Members to check if anyone has already done the mapping exercises
J Sowter to look at E and T mapping outcomes for assessment tools (item 2.3)*

J Gilbertson to commence mapping for Wales programme in due course.

Future Agenda item

7. National Mock Exam – feedback

All members had a successful experience with the national paper.

A Power Point presentation feedback session provided by M Christou was very useful and was requested to be circulated round the group. Members discussed the statistical analysis used by GPhC to determine which were the strong and poor questions in the paper.

It was agreed that a statistician should look at the raw data to identify questions that will need to be excluded or revised for future papers. The group will devise more questions.

Small group to co-ordinate new questions. G. Shelton, A Hollister, M Christou.

Action: W Baqir agreed to find statistician

8. Recording of impact of immigration changes on retention of pre-regs.

As pharmacists are no longer on the shortage occupation list. it will become more difficult for newly registered non EEA pharmacists to be appointed to band 6 posts as they will have to undergo the Resident Labour Market Test (RLMT). If they are not successful in getting a post they may not be able to stay in the UK.

For 2013 cohort data can be taken from Pharmalife to highlight the trainees who may have a problem with visas and retention (H Middleton to look after 1st round).

Action: Group members to feed back comments in the survey (item 5) to give information on any impact on retention of the 2011-12 cohort caused by immigration changes.

H Middleton informed the group that, following a meeting with CCA, BPSA will publish guidelines for undergraduates regarding early community pharmacy offers. They will be hyperlinked from the national recruitment website.

Amendment: BPSA guidelines regarding early community offers were not produced. H Middleton contacted the BPSA. No queries have been received.

Any Other Business

A Kemp has requested further clarification from GPhC on some aspects of the Tutoring and site regulations. She will forward the response around the group.

Dates of future meetings- 50 Eastbourne Terrace, Paddington

Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 October 2012 - Room 1, LPE&T, 2nd floor

Monday 21 January 2013

Thursday 02 May 2013

Wednesday 17 July 2013

Tuesday 05 November 2013 (& followed by Focus Event on 06 November)