

# Annual Report of the NHS Pharmacy Education & Development Committee

## September 2007 – August 2008



### Introduction

The Committee exists to provide co-ordination in pharmacy education, development, and training within organisations providing NHS services across the UK. This leads to a single contact on all matters relating to NHS pharmacy education and training. Committee members represent the interests of NHS pharmacy education, training and development in English Strategic Health Authorities, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Meetings are attended by observers from a range of stakeholder organisations and members represent the Committee on various national groups and committees.

### Key Successes

- Represented the interests of NHS Pharmacy Education and Training on a range of national organisations.
- National NHS pharmacy workforce and vacancy survey.
- National Recruitment Scheme for Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists in the NHS.
- The Professional Development Framework for Pharmacy Staff involved in Education, Training and Workforce Development.
- Accreditation Frameworks for Aseptic Services.

During the period September 2007 – August 2008, the committee has undertaken the following activities:

### Four Home Countries

Communication links were maintained with the Chief Pharmacists of the four home countries.

### The RPSGB Pharmacy Boards

The three RPSGB Pharmacy Boards were made aware of the work of the NHS Pharmacy Education & Development Committee and links with these organisations are being developed.

### SHA Education Commissioners Group

Links have been established with the SHA Education Commissioners Group.

### NHS Pharmacy Staffing Establishment & Vacancy Survey

The results of the May 2007 survey were published in October 2007 and distributed widely to inform workforce planning. The data collection in May 2008 was extended to include pharmacy staff employed by Primary Care organisations.

A report on the destination for pre-registration trainee pharmacists completing training within the NHS managed service was also prepared and distributed.

### RPSGB Hospital Pharmacists' Group

Links have been established with RPSGB Hospital Pharmacists' Group.

### National Recruitment Scheme for Pre-Registration Trainee Pharmacists in the NHS

The electronic recruitment system facilitated the successful recruitment of pre-registration trainee pharmacists in the 2008-2009 cohort by the NHS managed services.

### The Professional Development Framework for Pharmacy Staff involved in Education, Training and Workforce Development

This framework developed in collaboration with UKCPA and key stakeholders has been finalised and published – see [www.nhspedc.nhs.uk](http://www.nhspedc.nhs.uk)

### NHS Specialist Pharmacy Committees Reference Group

This new group has been established in conjunction with the other NHS Specialist Pharmacy Committees to act as a resource and inform both the new General Pharmaceutical Council and New Professional Body, initially via TransCom.

### A Nationally Recognised Framework for Accreditation of pre-and in-Process Checking and Final Accuracy Checking in Aseptic Services

A pre- and in-process checking accreditation document has been developed and circulated for use. A final accuracy checking procedure is currently in development. A report on this work has been published in the Hospital Pharmacist.

### Specialist groups working on behalf of the main committee

The Support Staff Specialist Group and Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists Specialist Group continue to be effective in developing joint initiatives, disseminating and sharing information. They provide valuable help and support to training leads in these specialist areas.

### Information and advice provided to national bodies on policy and practice in pharmacy education:

- A member of the Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists Specialist Group represents the NHS (England, Scotland & Wales) on the stakeholders group of the RPSGB Pre-Registration Liaison Group.
- A member of the Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists Specialist Group represents the NHS (England, Scotland & Wales) on the RPSGB Cross-Sector Experience working party
- Members of the committee attend CPPE Stakeholder and User Advisory Board meetings
- Representatives from the committee informally link with the new RPSGB Pharmacy Support Staff Advisory Committee
- Members of the committee provide information on pharmacy careers to NHS Careers
- DoH Pharmacy Workforce Think Tank – linking in with National Workforce Review Team

### Responses to Consultations

The committee sent responses to various draft documents proposing future national policy.



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