

Scottish Pharmacy Board 21 October 2009

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

## **Board Meetings and Events for 2010**

### **Purpose**

To agree the Meetings and Events calendar for the Board for 2010.

### **Strategic objective domain**

- Provide strategic leadership and support for pharmacy practice in Scotland.

### **Action required**

The Board is asked to review the draft meetings and events calendar (Appendix 1) and discuss and agree a programme and format of events for 2010.

### **1. Background**

A programme of events in Scotland has been developed over a number of years that provides opportunity for engagement with members in Scotland.

#### a. Local Practice Forums Secretaries Meeting

An annual meeting of the Branch Secretaries of the twelve Branches in Scotland was historically held prior to an annual general meeting of members in Scotland. This year this meeting was poorly attended with only three Branch Secretaries in attendance. Next year with the establishment of the Local Practice Forums this would be a LPF Secretaries meeting.

#### For consideration

The Board has responsibility for supporting the Local Practice Forums in Scotland. A meeting of representatives from the LPFs would provide an opportunity to inform the Board on issues relating to engagement with the membership in Scotland.

#### b. Annual meeting for members in Scotland

A meeting of members in Scotland has been held for many years. The format over the past three years has been a series of roadshows throughout Scotland. This year six roadshows, *Scottish Pharmacy First – Your New Professional Leadership Body!*, started in October and will continue through to November. Traditionally, the Annual meeting has been an evening event which followed the Branch Secretaries meeting and enabled the Scottish Pharmacy Board to delivery their annual report.

Historically attendance at the roadshows varied dependant on the area that the roadshow was held with a few roadshows attracting over 30 members and a few attracting less than 20 members.

#### For consideration:

The Board is asked to propose a format for engaging with the membership in Scotland for 2010, which will be reviewed prior to 2010.

#### c. Registration Ceremony

The Registration Ceremony for newly qualified pharmacists was traditionally held on the evening of the first Board meeting after the summer. In previous years, attendance was

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quite poor. This year we organised a joint venture with NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and scheduled the event for the end of the summer so the date coincided with pharmacists qualifying. Unfortunately attendance did not improve with only 11 pharmacists attending to receive their certificate in recognition of their completion of their pre-registration year.

For consideration:

Next year, under the new professional leadership body, the format of the ceremony will be different. The ceremony would need to focus on welcoming pharmacists to the profession.

**2. Risk Implications**

If the Scottish Pharmacy Board does not engage with these audiences, there is a risk of failing to deliver our remit effectively.

**3. Resource Implications**

There are resource implications for these events which have been included in the budget for 2010.

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