

# Local Practice Forum

LPFs will ensure that local education and training is joined up to enable pharmacists to improve and advance their practice



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# Local Practice Forum Workshop

- Blueprint in transcom prospectus
- Many branches or development groups are already moving in this direction
- They will deliver services to members
- Significant interest from many quarters
- Excellent early work from Huddersfield



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# Dual Approach

## Top Down

- Worked from the prospectus
- Support and facilitation
- Identified support role

## Bottom up

- Learnt from early adopters
- Engagement events
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Feb
  - 1<sup>st</sup> May
  - Today



# Six core activities of an LPF

- **Support for education, CPD and revalidation**
- **Local leadership**
- **Practice research**
- **Sharing best practice**
- **Improved networking**
- **Mentoring**



# Support for education, CPD and revalidation

- Delivery of the generalist and specialist curricula, as envisaged in the final report of the Improved, Advanced & Specialist Practice TransCom working group.
  - This will include the commissioning of education required locally that is not provided by the postgraduate education organisations (CPPE, WCPPE & NES).
- Signposting members to other educational sources
- Local support groups and events to make CPD simple



# Local leadership

- LPFs will be the outposts of the national pharmacy boards and will speak locally for pharmacists and pharmacy
- Advocate for the profession
- Act as a focal point for the growth of pharmacist leaders
- Engage with local and national media



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# Practice research

- Increasing the research capacity and evidence base for pharmacy practice.
- Being part of a research network
- Practical help to write grant applications
- Assistance with research methodology
- Specialist help with evaluation
- Initial peer review of written papers



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# Sharing best practice

- Act as a conduit for sharing improvements in pharmacy practice
- Helping pharmacists enhance and improve their practice
- Sharing what benefited members from other LPFs



# Improved networking

An opportunity to physically meet with colleagues will continue to be important to pharmacists and LPFs will have a full calendar of events.

- Newer virtual methods of networking will increase in importance. These will include:
  - Diary of pharmacy events
  - Contact database
  - Blogs, forums & chatrooms
  - Shared workspace area, including “wiki” functionality
  - Document library
  - On-line meetings



# Mentoring

- Help with personal development and career enhancement
- Matching pharmacists with prospective mentors
- Return to practice support, as part of a wider package

