



# **Professional Networking**

## **Local Practice Forums**

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# Agenda

- Local Practice Forums
  - What are they?
  - What will they deliver?
  - How will they be supported?



# What is an LPF?

- A dynamic and supportive local environment responsive to the needs of pharmacists
- A framework and structure for the delivery of future member services'
- Will provide an identity and network for PLB members at both local and national levels
- Provide a platform to build local awareness of pharmacy driven activities
- A mechanism and planning process to support collaborative working with other healthcare professions to deliver improved health outcomes



# What are the key aims of an LPF?

## Six core functions:

- To provide local leadership and direction
- Support for education and development
- Facilitate improved networking across the profession
- Promote the sharing of best practice
- Practice research – application and awareness
- Mentoring support for individuals



# What will an LPF deliver?

## Key member benefits:

- Improved networking – ‘face to face’ and ‘via virtual’ networking
- Support for CPD and validation
- Access to wider member services
- Access to professional curricula
- Increased opportunities to apply professional knowledge and skills
- Reduced workplace stress
- Improved recognition and job satisfaction

.....Leading to improved health outcomes for patients



# How will LPFs be supported?

- The LPF toolkit – available on-line
- The PLB website – in development
- LPF facilitators – five dedicated roles
- National Pharmacy Board members
- Feedback from LPF pioneers
- Sharing of best practice from early adopters
- Financial support

