

## ENGLISH PHARMACY BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 16 April 2008 at 1 Lambeth High Street, London, SE1

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### Present

Chairman	Paul Bennett
Vice-Chairman	Beth Taylor
Seema Agha	Martin Astbury
Jonathan Buisson	
Brian Curwain	Sid Dajani
Richard Daniszewski	Lindsey Gilpin
Rachael Lemon	David Mottram
Chris Morris	Hemant Patel
Gail Thomas	Steve Wicks

#### In Attendance

Jeremy Holmes	Chief Executive & Registrar
Eileen Neilson	Head of Policy Development
David Pruce	Director of Practice & Quality Improvement
Martyn Schofield	Deputy Head of Corporate Secretariat

#### Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chris Morris requested that he be allowed to make a statement prior to the official start of the meeting. This was agreed and the statement was as follows:

"It is with great regret that I am withdrawing from the 2008 EPB election. Geographic location means that I find it hard to take on extra commitments such as working groups and work commitments and family issues mean that I can hardly find the time to read the material required for the meetings. This is a landmark time for pharmacy and I believe that the board needs people that can give 100%. I also feel it needs people with experience. I feel I am a good scrapper and debater but I don't feel that at this time that is enough. If the profession is not be ridden rough shod over by the govt and other interested parties then the people in places of power need to have a good understanding of the political playing field and also the historical significance of past legal proceedings. I never have and probably never will understand why a legal finding one hundred years ago should alter how a decision is made now. I am afraid that this is not a satisfactory statement for a member of the board to make. At this time the board needs people that can fight for the profession with all means at their disposal not fuming because the system doesn't seem to make any sense. I apologise for doing this now when the election has already been scheduled and

ballot papers have been sent out. Another expense that the profession could have done without but the publication of the reams of paper from Whitehall and Lambeth recently has finally made all of the pieces fall into place. I have always wanted the best for the profession and I believe that at this time the best thing I can do is step aside and allow more experienced heads remain at their posts. I would like to thank everyone that voted for me in the first election and also for anyone who might have already voted for me in this one and I wish the remaining board members well in their future exploits”.

The Chairman thanked Chris Morris for his contribution to the success of the Board and wished him well for the future.

**08/17 Apologies for absence**

David Miller, Sid Dajani

**08/18 Declaration of interests**

Lindsey Gilpin – Locum membership PDF

Paul Bennett – NPA Board

Beth Taylor – National Pharmacy Lead Special Interests

**08/19 Welcome to observers**

The Chairman welcomed the following observers to the meeting:

Gillian Arr-Jones	South East Region
Bill Brookes	Mersey Region
Mike Bland	Wessex Region
Kathryn Featherstone	Border Region
Brian Wells	Yorkshire Region
Steve Garner	Sherwood Region
Shilpa Gohil	Chiltern Region
David Evans	Anglia Region
Brenda Ecclestone	South West Region
Chris Ross	North West Region

**08/20 Minutes of the public business part of the meeting of the English Pharmacy Board held on 6 February 2008**

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**agreed**

- i. that the minutes of the public business part of the meeting held on 6 February 2008 were an accurate record.

**08/21 Matters arising from the public business part of the minutes not specifically included in the agenda**

There were no matters arising.

**08/22 Veterinary Pharmacists’ Group Presentation**

The Chairman welcomed Rob Morris, member of the Veterinary Pharmacists’ Group to the meeting and thanked him for his report which had been circulated at 08.04/EPB/08.

Rob Morris gave a presentation on veterinary pharmacy that provided an overview of what was veterinary pharmacy; the range of medicines and the

increasing role that pharmacists could provide. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes at Appendix 1.

After the presentation the following questions and points were noted:

- Pet shops were training their staff to advise on the OTC medicines that had become available such as Frontline. This was a commercial opportunity for community pharmacists.
- The current pharmacist undergraduate courses were pressurised so it was important to know what the VPG proposed for the core curriculum (number of hours teaching etc) before a decision could be taken. Rob Morris would report back to the Board on this issue after consultation with his VPG committee.
- At present it was market forces that were driving the issue of veterinary pharmacy forward instead of the profession and it was for the profession to decide if pharmacists should offer veterinary products and the minimum level of competence required to be able to effectively advise customers.

David Pruce advised that a series of short guides to pet care would be produced by the Practice & Quality Improvement directorate starting in June with a guide to cats. All the companion animals would be covered by these guides.

The Chairman thanked Rob Morris for attending the meeting and for providing an informative presentation.

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**agreed**

- i. that a further report from VPG on their proposals to additions to the pharmacy core curriculum be submitted to the July meeting of the Board.

**08/23 Key Objectives 2008**

The Chairman introduced paper 08.04/EPB/09 which had been circulated and invited the lead Board member for each objective to provide an update on their objective.

Promote Commissioning of Patient Centred, Medicines Focussed Services

Chris Morris and Brian Curwain updated the Board of the following:

- Had met with commissioners in Cornwall and the PCT was interested in the Harmonisation of Accreditation work being taken forward
- It was important to identify from the objectives of the Board who would carry out which areas of work.
- Brian Curwain was currently working on a payment by results paper for the National Prescribing Centre.
- Forging links with other pharmacy bodies would be explored initially through the existing connections with the NHS Alliance.

David Pruce advised that the Practice Based Commissioning Guide to Diabetes had been published.

Assist Practitioners to Develop Clinical and Professional Practice: in Core Roles, Advanced and Specialist Roles

Beth Taylor and Lindsey Gilpin advised the Board of the following:

- 15 of the 19 Specialist Frameworks were now signed off and would be published in summer 2008. These underpinned the EPB objective to assist practitioners to develop their professional roles.
- Council had agreed that post nominals could be used by those practitioners who had gained specialist qualifications.

David Pruce advised that simple summaries of NICE guidance for a pharmacy audience had started with a summary on blood pressure being produced.

Lord Darzi – NHS Next Stage Review

Paul Bennett updated the Board as follows:

- Both of the Darzi events, in London and Manchester, had been oversubscribed and the English Pharmacy Board were formally thanked for their work in facilitating the events.
- The NHS Next Stage Review and the newly published Future of Pharmacy in England had similar priorities for pharmacy and the work of the English Pharmacy Board had successfully influenced the content of Pharmacy in England.
- The Board needed to work on influencing the Reference Groups as they would become the Delivery Groups that took forward the initiatives from the NHS Next Stage Review.
- The final documents would be published in June/July 2008.

White Paper on Future Proposals for Developing Pharmaceutical Services

Jonathan Buisson and David Mottram advised as follows:

- The overlap with the Welsh Pharmacy Board needed to be considered.
- The White Paper appeared to be two thirds England only and one third GB wide issues.
- The first EPB working group on the White Paper would be held on 22 April 2008.
- A series of 'listening events' had been started and members of the Board were signed up to attend.

Develop work of EPB in line with role in Future Professional Body

Steve Wicks and Richard Daniszewski advised as follows:

- There was a lot of interest from student pharmacists in CPD and future careers and they would be interested in high fliers amongst the profession attending future BPSA events to showcase what can be achieved.

Engagement

Richard Daniszewski updated the Board as follows:

- Work with Vanda Thomas on the PPI pilot with Doncaster Branch was continuing.

- The work on the multidisciplinary forum was underway with MURs suggested as the initial debate. However there needed to be a gap analysis conducted of the current forum debates in order to avoid duplication.
- Next two meetings of the Board would be held outside London.

## **08/24 White Paper on Future Proposals for Developing Pharmaceutical Services**

### **08/24.1 Pharmacy in England *Building on strengths – delivering the future***

David Pruce introduced paper 08.04/EPB/10 which had been circulated and advised that a number of the key points in the White Paper had been influenced by what the Board had been lobbying for. The issues in the joint letter, signed by Paul Bennett as well as other pharmacy bodies, to Mark Britnell was reflected in the document.

The Board were advised that the White Paper was unusual in that it was not a consultation but a detailed action plan. There were several areas where the Board should be involved and take a lead in implementation and there was a clear need for improved joint working with other pharmacy bodies.

In discussion the following points were noted:

- The paper detailed a rapid change in clinical roles for pharmacists therefore it was vital that pharmacists were engaged with the changes.
- Locum pharmacists were currently isolated and it would be difficult for them to be engaged in the process.
- The White Paper needed to be promoted amongst other health professionals for its recommendations to be implemented.
- There was a concern over the fragmentation of services.
- Links needed to be considered between the Darzi NHS Next Stage Review and this White Paper.
- The report did not list timescales and available resources in which to promote the recommendations.
- There was a potential issue over the recommendations in the paper and the role of dispensing doctors.

### **08/24.2 Working Group Composition and Remit**

The Chairman introduced paper 08.04/EPB/11 which had been circulated and advised that in order to have an effective skill mix David Miller, Gail Thomas and Sid Dajani would join David Mottram, Jonathan Buisson and Paul Bennett on the working group. The working group would need to consider what needed to happen in the next 12 months but the actions would be taken forward by the lead members of the key objectives and not just the working group.

Charles Willis advised that the working group would need to urgently consider how to influence the content of the second consultation due out by the summer and identify the most immediate items.

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**agreed**

- i. that the working group consider how to influence the content of the second consultation due out in the summer 2008;
- ii. that the quick wins be launched of the urgent issues.

## **08/25 Promote Commissioning of Patient Centred, Medicines Focussed Services**

### **08/25.1 Harmonisation of Accreditation and BPC**

Gail Thomas introduced paper 08.04/EPB/12 which had been circulated and updated the Board on the successful national event that had been held in February. It had been a well attended event with most of the Regions, with the exception of the South West, represented.

Members agreed that they wanted the work of the HAG to be affiliated to the existing Board.

David Pruce advised that it was within the remit of the board and a future professional body to support the work of the HAG and that the support required to take it forward would be provided.

Beth Taylor suggested that the SHA pharmacy leads meeting run by Dr Keith Ridge was a way to promote the HAG.

Gail Thomas advised that she was attending NPC on 9 June 2008 to discuss and promote HAG.

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**agreed**

- i. that the work of the HAG be supported through assistance from EPB;

## **08/26 Develop Work of EPB in line with role in future professional body**

### **08/26.1 Pharmacy 2020**

David Pruce introduced paper 08.04/EPB/14 which had been circulated and gave a presentation on the initial findings of the consultation. The consultation responses were still in an early format and would be finalised by autumn 2008.

In discussion the following points were noted:

- Clear lobbying aims were required in order to effectively promote how the profession wants to develop in the future
- The results of the NHS Next Stage Review tied in with those from Pharmacy 2020 and it would be important to link the two in order to promote the future of the profession
- It would be important to ensure that the new practices referenced in 2020 were accepted by the profession as an opportunity to develop, and not as a threat. Effective communications would be essential.

David Pruce advised that 2020 was a unique programme that highlighted where the profession wanted to be by 2020. The White Paper on Pharmacy in England was a government vision for the profession but it was encouraging to see an overlap between the two.

#### **08/26.2 Leadership & Innovation**

Anne Adams, Head of Professional Leadership, introduced the paper 08.04/EPB/14 which had been circulated and advised that the programme of events in the innovation programme could assist the Board with achieving their key objectives.

The Chief Executive congratulated Anne Adams on her leadership programme being referenced in the White Paper and advised that PCTs and SHAs needed to see the potential of the programme. It would be important that the leadership programme was self-funding and how to market this service needed to be explored.

The Chairman asked that all the board leads consider how leading across boundaries could be incorporated into their objective areas.

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#### **agreed**

- i. that leading across boundaries programme be explored to assess if it can become self-funding; and
- ii. that all board leads consider how the programme can be applied to their key objective.

#### **08/26.3 Local Lobbying & Update on Past Activity**

Charles Willis, Head of Public Affairs, introduced paper 08.04/EPB/15 which had been circulated and asked the Board to use the toolkit when lobbying their local MPs.

The Board agreed that local lobbying could be a powerful tool to progress the aims of the Board, promote the clinical roles of pharmacists and well as raising general awareness of pharmacy.

Charles Willis advised that he any member had a query on the local lobbying toolkit or with a meeting with an MP they could telephone him direct.

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**agreed**

- i. that all Board members to arrange meetings with their local MPs, at home and at work, to promote the work of the Board and the new clinical roles of pharmacists;
- ii. that feedback from these meetings be sent to Charles Willis.

**08/26.4 Welsh Pharmacy Board Annual Student Engagement Event**

David Pruce introduced paper 08.04/EPB/16 which had been circulated and advised that this was an excellent initiative from the Welsh Pharmacy Board but would be more problematic to replicate in England due to the number of Schools of Pharmacy and students.

David Mottram suggested that an invitation be sent to the Schools of Pharmacy to see if they would like to host and fund a similar event, perhaps in the autumn term 2008.

It was suggested that a trial at a limited number of schools be undertaken to see if it could be progressed through to other areas of the country. It was also suggested that the BPSA take forward in partnership with the Board.

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**agreed**

- i. that the EPB Communications Working Group explore further the proposal;
- ii. that the BPSA be contacted to ascertain if they want to work in partnership with the Board on these events;
- iii. that Schools of Pharmacy be approached to find out if they would be willing to host and fund an event.

**08/27 Engagement**

**08/27.1 Update from dinner with Regional Secretaries 15 April 2008**

Paul Bennett thanked the Regional Secretaries for attending the dinner and for contributing to the discussion about the future of the Branches & Regions in a professional body. It had been a very successful evening socially but had also provided useful and illuminating about what members would like to see in a future professional body and what services they would potentially pay for.

Richard Daniszewski asked the Regional Secretary's to ask their Region what they would pay for in a future professional body and to feed the information back to the Board.

The Chief Executive advised that there would need to be a benefit proposition for membership in a future professional body and that the services offered would need to add value and be relevant to pharmacists. It was important that those not currently involved in the Branch & Regions were also reached and the Board needed to start thinking radically about how to reach these groups.

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**agreed**

- i. that further work on how to reach the membership who were not engaged via the Branches & Regions be discussed by the communications working group.

**08/28 Assist Practitioners to Develop Clinical and Professional Practice: in Core Roles, Advanced and Specialist Roles**

**Electronic Prescription Service**

The Chairman introduced paper 08.04/EPB/17 which had been circulated.

The Board discussed the implications of electronic prescriptions but there was no consensus as to how to take this forward. In response the Chairman asked that members email Heidi Wright, Head of Practice, direct with their comments.

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**agreed**

- i. to contact Heidi Wright direct with their views on the electronic prescription service
- ii. that a further report be submitted to the Board in July 2008.

**08/29 Communications Working Group Update**

The Chairman introduced paper 08.04/EPB/18 which had been circulated.

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**noted**

- i. the paper

**08/30 Procedure for election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman in July**

The Chairman introduced paper 08.04/EPB/19 which had been circulated.

English Pharmacy Board

noted the paper.

**08/31 Any other public business**

IT

The Chairman advised that the President had requested during the last Council meeting that the National Pharmacy Boards explore how IT and pharmacy would become more integrated. It was requested that Heidi Wright and Chi Wong, Practice Pharmacist, report back with an overview of the current situation and how the Boards can assist.

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**agreed**

- i. that a report on IT and pharmacy be submitted to the July EPB meeting.

The Chairman thanked Hemant Patel, the President, for attending the meeting and for his support for devolution and the creation of the National Pharmacy Boards.