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PUBLIC BUSINESS

Update on Practitioners with a Special Interest (PwSI)

Purpose

To inform the group of progress made in the development and roll-out of PwSI's.

Strategic Objective Domain

- Influencing and enabling the development of the pharmacist to play a more inclusive part in healthcare, public health and social care

Action Required

The English Board is asked to note the progress and support the future development of this work.

1. Update

The second phase of work around PwSI's is near to completion, with the speciality-specific frameworks close to sign-off and the first Pharmacists with a Special Interest (PhwSI) qualified earlier this year. The frameworks are due for launch in September 2008. A full summary of work and communications completed to date around this is attached to this paper at Appendix 1.

The next stage is to identify how the Board can help to support and progress this development. Several ideas have been put forward to date:

- Liaising with other pharmacy bodies to provide a co-ordinated communications programme.
- Developing a network of PhwSI as they are accredited; enabling networking and support for pharmacists.
- Potentially develop 'clinical champions' in specific therapeutic areas, to support and provide expertise.

2. Risk Implications

The Board must make the most of the publicity and momentum that will be created when the Frameworks are published in September 2008.

3. Resource Implications

All resources must be balanced against the overall budget available to the Board.

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