

English Pharmacy Board 4 March 2009

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

## Policy development work programme update

### **Purpose**

To inform the group of progress made in the policy development work program.

### **Strategic objective domain**

An organisation that consistently performs as a regulator, professional representative leader and publisher

### **Action required**

Having considered and discussed the relevant issues, the EPB members are asked to reaffirm their support for the process of policy development, implementation and monitoring.

### **Council of Health Care Regulatory Excellence (CHRE)**

The Policy Team is coordinating the Society's submission to the 2008/09 performance review. The review is predominantly focused on the Society's regulatory functions.

At its February meeting the Council gave in principle approval to the draft self assessment subject to comments received from Council members and the final approval of the President.

During February CHRE will provide the Society with a preliminary assessment which may seek points of clarification and supplementary evidence. In March the Chief Executive of CHRE will meet formally with the Chief Executive and Registrar to discuss the performance review. CHRE are scheduled to provide the Society with a draft report in April and will publish their final report in July.

Further information on this work is available from:

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### **Patient Safety Award**

An award has been created for a significant contribution to improving medicines safety in Great Britain. The focus will be on specific improvements in medicines safety with documented benefits for patients, saving lives or reducing harm.

The award was launched at the Society on 18 February 2009. The closing date for entries is 2 April 2009. The first award will be made at the British Pharmaceutical Conference in September 2009. Applications will be judged by an independent panel with high-level expertise in medicines safety.

Further information on these projects is available from:

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## Patient Safety Scoping Report

The Policy Team have commissioned research on the pharmacy contribution to making Britain a safer place to take medicines. This paper was launched at the Society on 18 February 2009 and is available on the website.

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## Top-ups

The Society recently responded to the DH consultation on *Guidance on NHS patients who wish to pay for additional private care*. The final response 'Top Up Guidance consultation FINAL' was posted on the EPB SharePoint site on 28 January 2008.

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## Health Policy Review

The Society commissions an external consultant to produce a quarterly health policy review. The HPRs are circulated to Council members with the Chief Executive's 'Friday letter'.

The Policy Team is reviewing this contract and is seeking feedback from Council on how useful/valuable they find this quarterly report. Input from the EPB on its horizon scanning requirements would also be welcome.

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## Health Policy Forum

The HPF is a joint venture between the Society, CCA, NPA and PSNC that commissions work to inform policy debate among pharmacy organisations and the wider policy-making community.

The HPF report *Shifting care into the community: how might technology help?* has been completed and posted on the Council microsite for consideration. The partner bodies are yet to determine how work in the report might be carried forward.

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### **Intranet database of policy summaries**

The Policy Team maintains a database of Society policy summaries that is accessible to staff via the Society's intranet.

Work is currently being undertaken with the IT Development Team to upgrade and migrate this database onto the Society's new EDRMS and to provide Council and national board members with access to the database via their SharePoint microsite. The IT Development Team are scheduled to complete the project in June 2009.

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