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## FOR NOTING

### Policy Development update

#### **Purpose**

To update the EPB on the current workstreams of the Policy Development Team.

#### **Strategic objective domains**

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

#### **Action Required**

For noting

#### **1. Current workstreams**

##### 1.1. CHRE Performance Review

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

During March the Chief Executive of CHRE met formally with the Chief Executive and Registrar to discuss the performance review. Based on this discussion, and the self assessment completed by the Society in January 2009, CHRE provided the Society with a draft report for comment in April 2009.

CHRE are scheduled to publish their final report in July 2009.

Further information on this work is available from:

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##### 1.2. 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.

A total of 16 applications was received and judged by an independent panel with high-level expertise in medicines safety. The first award will be made at the British Pharmaceutical Conference in September 2009.

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### 1.3. 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. The Policy Team is now working with stakeholders on an implementation strategy for the paper's recommendations.

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### 1.4. Health Policy Review

The final quarterly Health Policy Review has been produced and is available on the Society website.

The Policy Team is reviewing how to deliver policy and horizon scanning information to staff, committees and boards and the membership. Questionnaires have been completed by members of the EPB and will inform the development.

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### 1.5. 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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