

English Pharmacy Board 09 February 2010

PUBLIC BUSINESS

RPSGB Vision for Pharmacy

Purpose

To update the Board on the progress made in the RPSGB toward developing a Vision for Pharmacy, and to seek progress on a way forward.

Strategic objective domain

- Recognised as world influencing and world class
- Improving member engagement in the work of the Society
- The public recognise and use pharmacists as the professionals with expertise in medicines

1. Background

Following on from the success of the PIANA (Pharmacy in a New Age) initiative, the RPSGB embarked upon a similar piece of work – Pharmacy 2020. The aim of this project was to produce a strategic vision of what the profession of pharmacy could look like in the year 2020. Its work can be viewed at the following address;

<http://www.rpsgb.org.uk/worldofpharmacy/currentdevelopmentsinpharmacy/pharmacy2020/>

A number of pieces of work were then undertaken, including consultation with the Boards, to refine this work in a clear 'vision for pharmacy'. The attached paper is the result of that work.

2. The Vision documents

Appendix III is a possible 'launch strategy' to take any agreed piece of work forward.

Appendix II is a summary of a strategic analysis that was undertaken as part of this process, to try and attempt to predict the sort of world pharmacy may be operating under in the future, and propose a number of possible scenarios. There will be, of course, other options than those presented.

Appendix I is the result of consulting with the Boards and members at the end of the 2020 process and presents a possible ambition for consideration.

The front page 'vision' document pulls all of this work together and attempts to present an aspiration for the profession. This is where we, as pharmacists, want to be, and all of the efforts of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society should be part of a coordinated attempt to achieve this.

3. Next Steps

The work presented today represents a legacy document. The Board should propose how (or if) it would like this work to be taken forward. It should consider how members will be involved in this work, and how other stakeholders will be involved, and any other actions it feels relevant.

A successful and accepted vision will form the basis for all future business plans.

Recommendations

The English Pharmacy Board is asked

- i. to note and comment on this first draft of the Vision
- ii. that subject to amendments being included and accepted into the Vision document, sign off be requested at Board meeting on 24th March 2010.

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