

Hospital Pharmacists Group

The Hospital Pharmacists Group (HPG) was established in 1975, with the first elections held the following year.

Membership is open to any pharmacist who is a member of the RPSGB and is engaged in hospital pharmacy.

The role of the HPG is to provide a unified, credible voice for hospital pharmacy such that hospital pharmacy issues are properly represented within and by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB).

Specific objectives

- 1 To inform the RPSGB Council actively and responsively of issues relating to, and affecting hospital pharmacy
- 2 To provide advice actively and responsively to the RPSGB Council on issues within its remit as appropriate
- 3 To identify key individuals from the hospital pharmacy sector to represent the RPSGB on national guideline committees
- 4 To maintain and develop the profile of hospital pharmacy within the RPSGB and with external stakeholders

- 5 To provide advice actively and responsively to the national pharmacy boards of the RPSGB on issues within their remit as appropriate
- 6 To inform the national pharmacy boards of the RPSGB of issues of importance to hospital pharmacy practice
- 7 To support the development of practice guidance for the profession as a whole and hospital pharmacy in particular

The Committee

The committee has representatives from hospital pharmacy in England, Scotland and Wales. There are also two Council members on the committee.

Current members

9 Members

Professor Ray Fitzpatrick (Chairman)
Ms Angela Munday (Vice-Chairman)
- Scotland
Mr Andrew Davies
Mrs Jenny Joy – Wales
Professor Liz Kay
Mr David Miller
Dr Richard Needle
Mr Tim Root
Mr David Corral

External Representatives

Mr David Webb - DH
Mr Andrew Alldred - GHP
Ms Rachel Lemon - APTUK
Mr Duncan McRobbie - UKCPA

Council members

Mrs Sue Kilby
Mr Graham Phillips

Administration

Ms Meghna Joshi – Professional Secretary

The committee meets at least three times a year to discuss hospital pharmacy matters. In addition, the committee sends representatives to meetings in relation to specific RPSGB workstreams.

The chair of the committee attends Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists national Practice Committee meetings.

Activities of HPG Committee

- Led the revision of the Duthie Report published by the RPSGB April 2005
- Input to the EU Directive on Clinical Trials published May 2005
- Technician Registration. Joint statement with APTUK and GHP published June 2005
- Successfully lobbied Council to reverse its decision to levy an additional annual registration fee for pharmacist prescribers

- Contributed to the joint DH/RPSGB guidance on the management of controlled drugs in hospital 2007
- Provided a hospital perspective on numerous practice guidances developed by RPSGB
- Advised Council of the risks associated with the loss of pharmaceutical advice at Strategic Health Authorities. This led to the President writing to all Chairs of newly formed Strategic Health Authorities urging the appointment of pharmaceutical advisers
- Provided a hospital perspective during the RPSGB consultation on education and training
- Currently is actively involved with other key stakeholders in relation to issues arising from the Government's White Paper on professional regulation
- Feeding into the consultation on the development of RPSGB practice framework
- Provided a hospital perspective on the RPSGB project working with NCAS to support poorly performing pharmacists
- Is contributing to the RPSGB Pharmacy 2020 project providing examples of innovative practice in secondary care

In addition to specific workstreams the HPG

- Develops the programme and co-chairs with the Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists the hospital session of BPC
- Liaises with Hospital Pharmacist Journal over the annual Hospital Pharmacist Conference

HPG Publications

HPG produces two newsletters a year published in the Pharmaceutical Journal.

The group also inputs to the Hospital Pharmacist Journal (HPJ). If you join the Hospital Pharmacists Group you will receive your monthly copy of the Hospital Pharmacist Journal with your Pharmaceutical Journal

Hospital Pharmacy is going through changing times. Join the Hospital Pharmacists Group now and get involved

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