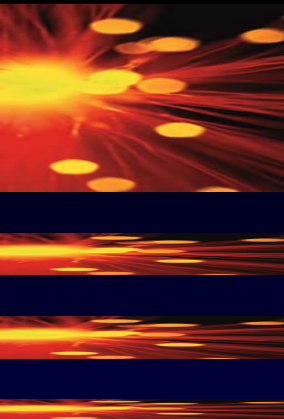




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Scottish Pharmacy Board First Response to the Report of the Clarke Inquiry



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Background



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Foster

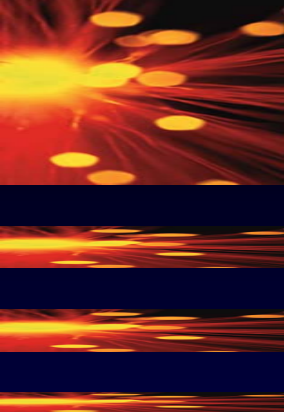
Good Doctors, Safer Patients

Regulation of the non-medical
healthcare professions

Feb 2007 – UK Government White
Paper:

‘Trust, Assurance and Safety – The
Regulation of Health Professionals
in the 21st Century’

DH White Paper Working Groups

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- Medical revalidation
 - Non-medical revalidation*
 - Enhancing Confidence in Health Professional Regulators
 - Tackling concerns nationally
 - Tackling concerns locally *
 - Health of Health Professionals
 - Extending professional regulation



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Implementation in Scotland



A programme of work to
implement within
Scotland the UK
policies on regulation
of health professions,
taking into account need of Scotland

Trust, Assurance and Safety – The Regulation of Health Professionals in the 21st Century



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Primary Legislation

**General Pharmaceutical
Council**

*(P&PTO)
Medicines Act
Poisons Act*

Council

Regulation

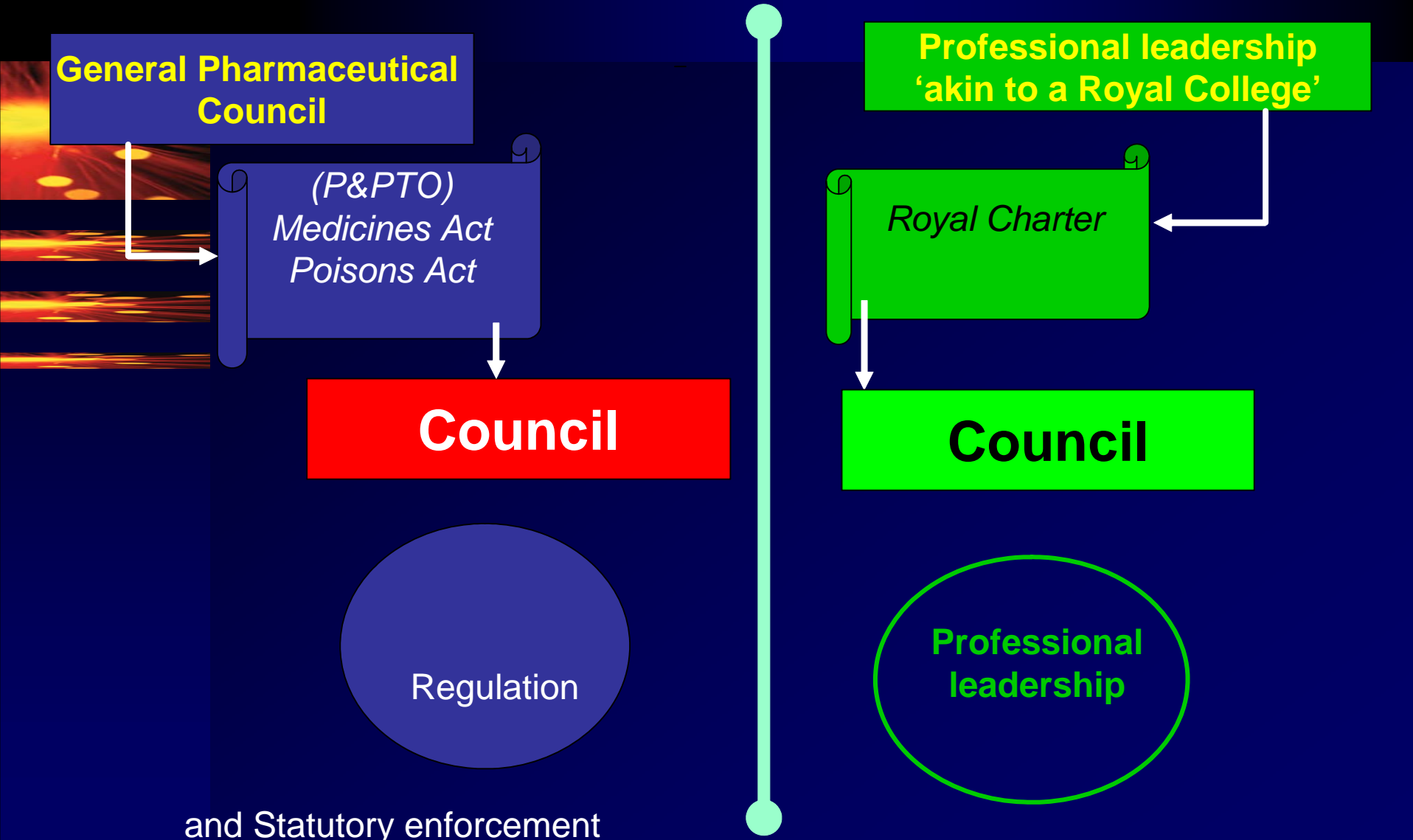
and Statutory enforcement

**Professional leadership
'akin to a Royal College'**

Royal Charter

Council

Professional
leadership





PRLOG

Pharmacy Regulation and Leadership Oversight Group

- Ken Jarrold chairing
- Membership appointed
- TOR from Minister
- Bill Scott and James Semple members

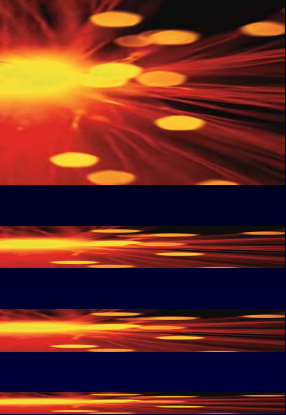


Clarke Inquiry Remit

- consider the principles, functions and structure of a future professional body;
- consider model and options
- consult with, and take evidence from, a range of stakeholders
- consider the short and long term implications
- propose a way forward.



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So What?





Functions of the Scottish Pharmacy Board

1. Provide strategic leadership and support for pharmacy practice in Scotland
2. Assist development of Council policy and implementation in Scotland and develop and implement policy specific to Scotland
3. Promote the science and practice of pharmacy and its contribution to health
4. Provide professional advice to government and its agencies, NHS bodies and other health and social care organisations in Scotland
5. Support the Society's branches in Scotland
6. Support pharmacists in their professional roles



Clarke Inquiry

- The Scottish Pharmacy Board made its formal submission to the Clarke Inquiry as part of the Society's submission
- The Board's paper and appendices were included in their entirety and are available on the Society's website
- Board members welcomed the additional opportunities to contribute to the Inquiry – public and formal evidence - gathering meetings in Edinburgh



Introduction

- The Clarke Inquiry followed an open and transparent process and has demonstrated its independence
- The Inquiry Team were knowledgeable and asked probing questions



Findings

- An effective Professional Body for Pharmacy is *essential*
- Professional Body must provide clear *leadership and support* for members
 - To embrace the whole Pharmacy '*Family*'
 - A *new* structure for the Professional Body needs to be established- *Devolution*
 - Professional Body is *not* a Trade Union
 - *Transitional Committee*- towards 2010



First Thoughts

- The Report clearly reflects the views of the profession and is broadly welcomed by the Board
- Pleased with the importance given to recognising that devolved government is a constitutional fact that must be reflected in the professional body's functions and structures
- We believe that the purpose, scope and functions identified for the professional body will be widely supported



First Thoughts

- Some issues require detailed thought and discussion, e.g.
 - Definition of membership categories
 - ‘Forum of Prescribers’
 - Local support network

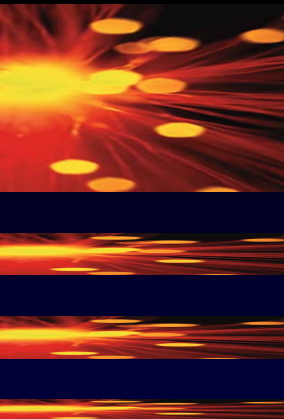


First Thoughts

- Education and training is a complex area – the professional body and GPhC will need to develop clear and complementary roles
- We expect issues of representation, governance and implementation to generate considerable debate, particularly in Scotland



Outstanding Questions

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- How will 'significantly enhanced autonomy' for the Boards and the principle of 'smart subsidiarity' be embodied in governance and operational structures and processes?
 - Will the recommendations enable creation of the federal model favoured by most Scottish contributors?
 - Is there support for the proposal of lay involvement in the governance structure?



Outstanding Questions

- Should National Boards have a consistent structure?
- Is sectoral representation on Boards and Council necessary and are the groupings right?
- Is the proposed 'Committee of Special Interest Groups' the most effective way of generating scientific advice and developing advanced and specialist practice?



Outstanding Questions

- Are the roles and responsibilities of the Council and the Executive Board clearly differentiated?
- Is the size and composition of Council right for undertaking the proposed functions?
- Is the size and composition of the Executive Board right for undertaking the proposed functions?



Outstanding Questions

- What is the transitional process?
- Is the 'Transitional Committee' the right vehicle for delivering the professional body?
- How will the 'Transitional Committee' resolve potential conflicts of interest?

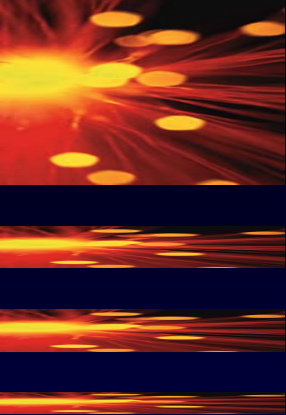


Next Steps

- There are many complex issues to tease out and a very short time in which to reach conclusions
- We must be realistic:
 - Focus on the decisions essential for creating the new body
 - Recognise that the new body will then make its own decisions



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Summary

- We are at a critical stage in the biggest change for the profession for many decades
- There is the potential to create a new professional body to bring coherence and strength to the whole profession
- This is a goal that the Scottish Pharmacy Board is committed to achieving for every pharmacist in Scotland



The Future?

In the future

- Formal Consultation on the creation of the Professional Body
- Create the professional Body that we want to belong to.....

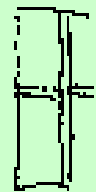
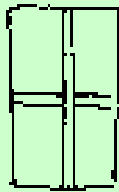
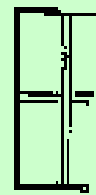
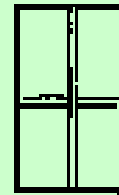
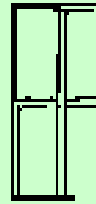
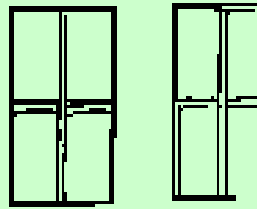


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