

Scottish Pharmacy Board 1 October 2008

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Support for Branches

Purpose

To review a report of The Robert Gordon University survey: *A cross sectional survey of Scottish pharmacists' views, experiences and attitudes towards the branches of the RPSGB and their functions.*

Strategic objective domain

- Provide strategic leadership and support for pharmacy practice in Scotland.

Action required

To receive a report from Derek Stewart, Senior Lecturer and Teaching Group Leader for Pharmacy Practice at The Robert Gordon University.

1. Background

As part of the undergraduate MPharm course at The Robert Gordon University a questionnaire was developed and issued to 1,000 randomly selected registered members. The aim of the survey was to:

- determine Scottish pharmacists' views, experiences and attitudes towards RPSGB branches.
- identify facilitators and barriers to branch meeting attendance.
- explore future preferences regarding a local network for professional support.

2. Risk Implications

Support for the Society's Branches in Scotland is a specific item in the Board's remit. Failure to interact with Branches risks loss of confidence by Branch officers and continued decline of Branch activities.

3. Resource Implications

There are no additional resource implications.

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