

Scottish Pharmacy Board 1 October 2008

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Board Meetings and Events for 2009

Purpose

To agree the Meetings and Events calendar for the Board for 2009.

Strategic objective domain

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

Action required

The Board is asked to review the draft meetings and events calendar (Appendix 1) and discuss and agree a programme and format of events for 2009.

1. Background

A programme of events in Scotland has been developed over a number of years that provides opportunity for engagement with members in Scotland.

a. Branch Secretaries Meeting

An annual meeting of the Secretaries of the twelve Branches in Scotland was historically held prior to an annual general meeting of members in Scotland. This year this meeting had to be postponed until October due to a lack of available Branch representatives at the scheduled June meeting.

For consideration

The Board has responsibility for supporting the Branches in Scotland. A meeting of representatives from the Branches would provide an opportunity to inform the Board on issues relating to engagement with the membership in Scotland.

b. Annual meeting for members in Scotland

A meeting of members in Scotland has been held for many years. The format this year was a series of six roadshows throughout Scotland, *Professional Leadership – your choice, your future!*, in May and June. Traditionally, the Annual meeting has been an evening event which followed the Branch Secretaries meeting and enabled the Scottish Pharmacy Board to deliver their annual report.

Attendance at the roadshows varied dependant on the area that the roadshow was held with a few roadshows attracting over 30 members and a few attracting less than 20 members.

For consideration:

The Board is asked to propose a format for engaging with the membership in Scotland for 2009, which will be reviewed prior to 2009.

c. Conference for members in Scotland

A Conference Working Group has been established to organise a Scottish Pharmacy Board conference to engage with all members in Scotland.

For consideration:

The Board is asked to review the proposal of organising a Scottish Pharmacy Board conference for engaging with the membership in Scotland.

d. Registration Ceremony

The Registration Ceremony for newly qualified pharmacists is traditionally held on the evening of the first Board meeting after the summer. In the last few years attendance has been quite poor, with only 18 pharmacists attending last year, to receive their certificate in recognition of their completion of their pre-registration year.

For consideration:

The Board is asked to review the proposal of hosting another Registration Ceremony earlier in the year so the date coincides with the pharmacists qualifying.

2. Risk Implications

If the Scottish Pharmacy Board does not engage with these audiences, there is a risk of failing to deliver our remit effectively.

3. Resource Implications

There are resource implications for these events which have been included in the budget for 2009. This covers a meeting of branch representatives, a meeting of members and a conference.

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