

Scottish Pharmacy Board 6 May 2009

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

## **Scottish Pharmacy Board Action Plan 2009**

### **Purpose**

To review and agree the Board priorities for the forthcoming year.

### **Strategic objective domain**

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

### **Action required**

To discuss and agree the Board priorities for the forthcoming year.

### **1. Background**

The Scottish Pharmacy Board's role in Leadership of the profession in Scotland was discussed at a strategy session on Tuesday 14 April.

It was acknowledged that the Manifesto was now outdated and the Board should be working towards a new policy document. This should be in place by the next Scottish Parliament elections in 2011.

Many milestones from the current Manifesto have been reached. We need to highlight this to members. The process of producing a manifesto is very labour intensive but also very productive in developing policy and leadership.

Leadership should be inspirational but the Board also needs to work on strategic and operational levels. Members will need to see tangible benefits to encourage joining the new professional leadership body.

### Interaction with Members

We should use the virtual network site, e-zine, survey panel, and roadshows to be more interactive with members over the next 12 months and to gauge which issues are important to Scottish pharmacists.

### Political Activity

- Access to records is still top priority. This is key to the future and we should lobby hard for this. ECS is a start but we need to be able to record interventions and ultimately have access to all appropriate parts, e.g. lab results, in order to prescribe safely.
- We are still striving for recognition of our potential as a profession and our ability to be the 'first port of call' for the public with any medicine-related healthcare problems.
- The public health agenda still has huge potential but pharmacy must not work in isolation. We need to work closely with other agencies and have direct referral pathways to provide a holistic, patient-centred approach. We must make the most of

community pharmacy's daily contact and accessibility for patients and clients and when approaching policy makers.

- Prescribing is necessary for the profession to move forward. We need to remove barriers to pharmacist prescribing.

### Policy Areas

There are some areas from the Manifesto where Scottish Government policy has changed since 2007 and the SPB must re-visit these.

- Abolition of prescription charges
- Role in Substance Misuse
- Integration of Pharmacy into NHS – Action Plan from CPO

Following on from this initial discussion the SPB should now decide on the priorities for the next year as we move to a new PLB and beyond.

### **2. Risk Implications**

If the Board does not agree an Action Plan there is a risk of failing to deliver its remit.

### **3. Resource Implications**

The budget has been allocated for this year based on the objectives and actions discussed at the end of last year. Future actions will be taken into consideration when drafting the 2010 budget.

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