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Welsh Board Responds to new NHS plans

The Welsh Pharmacy Board of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain has submitted a formal response to the latest consultation document of the Welsh Assembly Government, on proposed changes to the NHS structures in Wales. The consultation paper laid out the proposals to establish seven integrated NHS bodies, to help remove barriers between services, improve quality of care across the care pathway and improve the use of NHS resources.

Members of the Board have welcomed the proposals to simplify the planning and delivery of NHS services across Wales. In its response to the Welsh Assembly Government, the Board has stressed the important role of pharmacy in the NHS in Wales and highlighted that the proposed changes should provide greater opportunities for pharmacists to be fully integrated in multidisciplinary models of care.

A clear message was sent to the Welsh Assembly Government that pharmacists have a significant role to play, not only in providing essential services on the frontline, but also in the NHS strategic planning and advisory capacity at local and national levels. The Board has highlighted the need for clear processes to be put in place allowing the voice of the pharmacy profession to be heard at all strategic levels and to ensure important issues, such as medicines management, are firmly placed on the radar of key decision makers across Wales.

Marc Donovan, Chair of the Welsh Pharmacy Board, said: "We are pleased to respond to the second phase of this consultation process. We have clearly expressed our view, on behalf of

the pharmacy profession, that pharmacists will play an increasingly important role in the New NHS in Wales. This is an important time for the views of the profession to be heard in Wales and we will continue to work with the profession and the key decision makers to ensure the skills and expertise of pharmacists are recognised and appropriately utilised across the NHS as new arrangements are put in place.”

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Notes to editors

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