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Digital Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group (DP EAG) Agenda

Monday 28 March, 10.30am-12noon
By Zoom – calendar invite sent to Group members and speakers. RPS members can register to observe at:
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1: Recognition

Introductions, apologies and declarations of interest

Present: Darren Powell (DP) (Chair), Anna Bunch (Anna B), Angela Burgin (Angela B), Penny Daynes (PD), Dipak Duggal (DD), Stephen Goundrey-Smith (SG-S), Mohammed Hussain (MH), Rob James (RJ), Sean MacBride-Stewart (SM-S), Euan Reid (ER) and Leon Zlotos (LZ).

Guests: Tariq Muhammed, Chief Executive Officer, Invatech Health, Paul Wright, NHS Digital and Dr Joe Zhang, Research Fellow, Imperial College, London.

In attendance from RPS: Paul Bennett (PB), Clare Morrison (CM), Carolyn Rattray (CR)

11 RPS member observers

Apologies: Alistair Gray and Maureen Spargo (Mat. Leave).

Declarations of interest: None

1.1	Update from previous meeting	10.30-10.40
Description	Agendas and outcomes from previous meetings are published on the group's webpage at: https://www.rpharms.com/about-us/who-we-are/expert-advisors/digital-pharmacy-expert-advisory-group ➤ Confirmation of subgroup formation to take forward position statements on technologies in pharmacy, consolidated medicines records and KPIs. ➤ Update on blogs to support digital understanding.	
Purpose	To review the Outcomes and priorities from last meeting	
Outcomes	**DPEAG subgroups** ➤ **KPI subgroup:** Angela Burgin, Darren Powell and Euan Reid; DPEAG members encouraged to volunteer for KPI group. ➤ **Technologies in Pharmacy subgroup:** Angela Burgin, Dipak Duggal, Esther Gathogo, Stephen Goundrey-Smith, Mohammed Hussein, Robert James, Darren Powell and Leon Zlotos. ➤ **Consolidated medicines records subgroup:** Anna Bunch, Angela Burgin, Penny Daynes, Alistair Gray and Seán MacBride-Stewart. **Feedback to Stephanie Ghartey**	

	➢ Group to consider discussions at last meeting around consolidated medicines records and feedback to Stephanie to inform fellowship project. **Messages to feedback to RPS membership** ➢ RPS Connect to provide the conduit for comms with RPS members. **Patient Information leaflets and QR codes** ➢ RPS has provided the DPEAG's advice to the member who approached with original query. **Vignettes to showcase digital roles** ➢ DP and SGS have supplied vignettes which have been uploaded to the DPEAG web page. Others are welcomed in the same format **Leeds/UCL research project (Angela Burgin) looking at the capability of electronic patient records** ➢ Useful workshops and Dr Joe Zhang, Imperial College, London is on the agenda to inform the group re: next steps.

2: Relevance

2.1	**Invatech Health**	10.40-11.00
Description	Learning from Invatech Health, https://invatechhealth.com Invited speaker: Tariq Muhammed, Chief Executive Officer, Invatech Health *Item proposed by Darren Powell*	
Purpose	For the Group to understand how Invatech Health has approached development, clinical safety, responsible pharmacist considerations, AI and future trends.	
Outcomes	➢ **TM (via CR) to share slides with group** ➢ **Technologies in Pharmacy Sub-Group to consider working with TM and others to define standards, guidelines, etc.**	

2.2	**Interoperable Medicines & Terminology**	11.00-11.15
Description	Update on NHS Digital interoperable medicines programme (England), following discussion at previous meeting Invited speaker: Paul Wright, NHS Digital *Item proposed by Darren Powell*	
Purpose	To inform the subgroup's work on consolidated / shared medicines records. To agree next steps for subgroup.	
Outcomes	• Verbal update on engagement with Trusts in England, supply and community and also an update on the NHS digital terminology server. • Digital Media Learning event on 27 April. PW to share link to the event • SG has now finished interviews, is analysing data and will provide a report. PW to share link for information.	

	• There was a question about excipients. PW confirmed that he is leading on work to review excipients, e.g. soya and shellfish that could cause adverse reactions and are not currently listed as such. ➢ **PW to share a written summary, relevant links and contact details with the group.**

2.3	**Digital Health Capabilities**	**11.20-11.30**
Description	Benchmark survey to measure digital health capabilities from an end-user perspective: a Delphi Study Invited speaker: Dr Joe Zhang, Imperial College London *Item proposed by Angela Burgin*	
Purpose	To provide information to the group about the study and explore opportunities for involvement	
Outcomes	• Moving into the next stage of the project, recruiting HCPs (including pharmacists). The purpose of the project is to consider specific functions of digital health systems to ensure that HCPs are able to provide the safest and best quality care for patients; it covers areas, e.g. shared care records. • A survey has been created to support the systemisation of the collection of data; it will involve doctors, nurses and pharmacists and will cover primary and secondary care. Looking to recruit 10 expert and non-expert pharmacists, from across the whole of pharmacy, to a Delphi panel which will review the questions and contribute to the final survey; it is envisaged that the work involved will take approximately 8 hours over 2-3 months and, in return, panel members will be credited on the final document. If interested, please contact Angela Burgin or Dr Joe Zhang. Further information can be found at: www.ncic.uk. The Delphi process is scheduled to start at the beginning of May. • It was confirmed that, although the project is focussed on England, the intention is for it to be rolled out across the whole of GB. ➢ **RJ to contact Angela B off-line re: Delphi Panel when project is rolled out across GB.**	

2.4	**Clinical Safety in digital systems**	**11.30-11.40**
Description	To discuss clinical safety digital system standards and recommendations to pharmacy professionals *Item proposed by Anna Bunch*	
Purpose	To discuss the standards in use, gaps and what should be recommended to pharmacy professionals.	
Outcomes	• PD raised issue of clarity around clinical safety case processes and what is required in order to gain certification for specific activities; looking to purchase a robot for stores.	

	➢ **Further consideration required; bring back to next meeting (June 2022).** ➢ **Anna B was absent from the meeting and so it was agreed to include this agenda item at the June DPEAG meeting. CM to contact Anna B to find out exactly what she had wished to be considered.**

2.5	Subgroups next steps	11.40-11.50
Description	Decisions on next steps for subgroups to take forward position statements on technologies in pharmacy, consolidated medicines records and KPIs.	
Purpose	To make plans for how the subgroups will develop position statements and bring back to next meeting.	
Outcomes	It was agreed that the various subgroups should meet separately from the main DPEAG group. • KPIs– Angela B, DP and ER • Technologies – Angela B, DD, EG, SGS, MH, RJ, DP and LZ • Medicines Records – Angela B, Anna B, AG, PD and SM-S ➢ **DP to share SG-S's paper on AI with the Technologies Group** ➢ **CR to set up DLs for the various subgroups.** ➢ **Volunteers required for KPI group, expressions of interest to be sent to CR** ➢ **Subgroups to update main DPEAG group as a standing item at meetings**	

3: Communication

3.1	Messages for RPS members	11.50-11.55
Description	Sharing information with RPS members is an essential role for RPS, and the EAG's advice on what information is useful and relevant to communicate is vital.	
Purpose	To decide what aspects of the EAG's work should be shared with members, and how best to share them. To make recommendations to RPS on other communication with members needed in the EAG's subject area.	
Outcomes	• All comms between the DPEAG and its subgroups to be via email until RPS Connect is launched. No date has been confirmed as launch is dependent on a wider technology project. • Share as much as possible; be transparent and visible to the RPS membership • Invite members to meetings; encourage feedback and invite observers to contribute to 'chat' on Zoom • Consider recording a short video of highlights from meetings – social media – positive engagement (Scottish Pharmacy Board does this following its meetings) ➢ **DP to write a letter to Members**	

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4: Any other business	11.55-12.00

PRSB project on over-prescribing - update
Item proposed by Stephen Goundrey-Smith

SG-S is the PRSB professional lead for a project focussing on over-prescribing and accompanying factors within the NHS. A survey was identified the importance of appropriate technology. The PRSB is to focus on the e-discharge standard to see how it can be 'tweaked' so that over-prescribing is averted between care settings. The project has been commissioned by Ann Slee, NHS Transformations. SG-S will continue to update the group on progress