ROYAL PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

Digital Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group Outcomes

Monday 6 June, 2.30-4.00pm
By Zoom

1: Recognition

Introductions, apologies and declarations of interest (2.30-2.35)

Present: Penny Daynes (PD) (Acting Chair), Anna Bunch (Anna B), Angela Burgin (Angela B), Dipak Duggal (DD), Esther Gathogo (EG), Stephen Goundrey-Smith (SG-S), Alistair Gray (AG), Mohammed Hussain (MH), Rob James (RJ) and Euan Reid (ER).

Apologies: Darren Powell, Sean MacBride-Stewart, Leon Zlotos.

28 registered RPS member observers

1.1	Update from previous meeting	2.35-2.40
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	
Purpose	To review the Outcomes and priorities from last meeting	
Outcomes		

2: Relevance

2.1	Digital Prescribing & Dispensing Pathways	2.40-2.55
Description	Digital Prescribing and Dispensing Pathways programme update – NHS Scotland Invited speaker: Ewan Morrison, Director of Pharmacy, NHS National Services Scotland	
Purpose	For the Group to understand how the digital prescribing and dispensing pathways programme is progressing in Scotland, and to provide expertise to help shape RPS input to the programme's work.	
Outcomes	- Group heard that over 90% of NHS Scotland prescribing is included in the programme, including prescribers from all professions. Aim is to improve patient experience, system safety, carbon footprint and transform service delivery. Technical aspects discussed on prescriber identity, electronic signatures, messaging and integration. Principle is to move to paperless system with no printing in community pharmacies. Architecture currently being developed and clinical safety review to follow in autumn. - Learning shared from experience in England, specifically related to firewalls, community pharmacy system suppliers, moving to a completely paperless model in community pharmacy and complexity of messaging. - MH to follow up with Ewan Morrison after the meeting	

2.2	**Pharmacogenomics**	2.55-3.05
Description	Development of the RPS position statement: "The Role of Pharmacy in Pharmacogenomics" Invited speaker: Sophie Harding, Pharmacogenomics Lead, RPS	
Purpose	To receive an update on the development of the pharmacogenomics programme at RPS including the publication of the new position statement.	
Outcomes	• Due to a technical issue with the prepared video presentation, this item was deferred to the next meeting.	

2.3	**Vision work**	3.05-3.20
Description	Update on the RPS vision country-specific vision work about the future of pharmacy in England, Scotland and Wales Invited speakers: Heidi Wright, Policy & Practice Lead, England, and Clare Morrison, Director for Scotland	
Purpose	To discuss the development of a vision for England, and an update on progress with the published visions for Wales and Scotland	
Outcomes	• Group updated and opportunities to contribute further were highlighted	

2.4	**Breakout rooms**	3.20-3.40
Description	Breakout rooms for each of the Digital Pharmacy EAG subgroups to discuss their priorities and workplans: • Technologies subgroup • Medicines Record subgroup • Key performance indicators subgroup	
Purpose	For the subgroups to discuss their ongoing areas of work.	
Outcomes	• Covered below in feedback	

2.5	**Subgroups next steps**	3.40-3.50
Description	Feedback from each of the subgroups (3 minutes each)	
Purpose	For the whole group to be updated on the workplans of each of the subgroups.	

Outcomes	• Action for RPS: agreed that future subgroup meetings should have a structured agenda and be meet separately between the main EAG meetings, reporting key points to main meeting
	• Key points from today's discussions:
	• Technology subgroup – to develop further work in:
	    o Regulation of artificial intelligence
	    o Professional responsibility in using technology
	• Medicines record subgroup – to develop further work in:
	    o Describing the need for and sharing good examples of consolidated records across GP, hospital & other care settings
	    o Improving recording of rationale for starting medicines in primary care records, including possibility of mandating fields
	• Key performance indicators subgroup	

	o Overlap with other subgroup membership so to pick up another day

3: Communication

3.1	Messages for RPS members	3.50-3.55
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	• Agreed to publicise the topics the subgroups are discussing (above)	

4: Any other business   3.55-4.00

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Request to RPS to endorse 111 Referrals Standard	SG-S to feed in comments to Laura Wilson	
Shared Care Record Guidance for Community Pharmacy in NHS England	SG-S updated the group – to monitor	
Collaboration opportunities with the Faculty of Clinical Informatics	Agreed to send details around Group by email	
Fit Notes	Group updated on anticipated announcement that pharmacists will be able to issue fit notes	