

**Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists  
Section of Unite**

**OPEN MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE  
(NPC)**

26<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
Friend's Meeting House, Euston, London

**Present:**

Richard Cattell RC (Chair )	Heather Weaver (HW)
David Miller DM (Vice Chair)	Vilma Gilis (VG)
Graeme Richardson (GR)	Andy Aldred (AA)
Roisin O'Hare (RO)	Martin Pratt (MP)
Simon Mynes (SM)	Anthony Oxley (AO)
Neil Caldwell (NC)	Trudi Hilton (TH)
Colin Rodden (CR)	Tony West (TW)
Peter Leslie (PL)	

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Jane Swan, Bob McCartney, Dave Thornton, Scott Savage

**2. Election of note taker**

Vilma was elected as note taker.

**3. Notes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

There were no factual inaccuracies and the minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

**4. Matters arising not on the agenda**

There were no matters that were not on the agenda.

**5. Transitional Working Groups**

These are all now closing down. There are likely to be '100 day statements' from all groups.

**6. Practice**

**6.1 Consultations**

We are not picking up as many of these as we used to as the Professional Secretary used to search the websites of relevant organisations. This is something which we need to discuss with Unite or ask if the Pharmaceutical Society can forward relevant consultations to us.

Comments on the CHRE consultation on the GPhC

(<http://www.chre.org.uk/consultation/175/>) need to be done by January 12<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that the following people lead on the Annexes:

A	Standards for owners and superintendants	Tony
B	Conduct ethics and performance	Andy
C	Proficiency	Richard
D	Education and Training	Simon

E1 CPD Roisin  
E2 Return to Practice Dave M

## **6.2 Responsible Pharmacist**

Richard will contact Sarah Billington at the RPSGB about registration and circulate Chief Pharmacists via their network. We need to communicate to members who needs to register and sort out some of the confusion regarding the need for a Wholesaler Dealer's Licence.

**ACTION** **RC**

## **6.3 Flu update**

There are still some issues regarding supply of swine flu vaccine, particularly within mental health trusts. There are also issues regarding who is front line staff and there appears to be variance throughout the UK.

## **6.4 NCAS/NPSA**

GHP is still trying to identify someone who will liaise with NCAS. Tony has been using a form developed by Manchester University for Managing Performance in Pharmacy Workforce but it has a number of problems.

The Safer spinal (intrathecal), epidural and regional devices alert has just been launched and we will need someone to liaise on this as there are supply chain issues.

The Lithium Pack is about to be launched.

## **7. Education and Development**

The programme for the 2010 ANC is coming along. Richard has written to the Chair of the GPhC inviting him to speak at the conference.

There was some discussion on why pharmacy is outside the NHS bursary scheme. Peter will read and comment. All other comments to from NPC to Peter.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_102806](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_102806)

**Action** **PL**

## **8. International Committee**

The FIP standards are being circulated for comment.

The next EAHP General Assembly will be in Lugano, Switzerland.

It was agreed that, for this year, the EAHP membership fee will be paid out of the section fund. Tony will invoice Simon. Richard will speak to Steve Churton to see if the PLB would pay this in future.

**ACTION** **TW SM RC**

There is a new EAHP logo.

## **9. Items from Partner Organisations**

There were no items from partner organisations

## **10. SIGs**

### **10.1 ITIG**

The annual symposium held on November 11<sup>th</sup> was very successful with over 100 delegates. There was good feedback and the programme for next year's seminar is already well under way.

### **10.2 PDIG**

The annual symposium held on November 12<sup>th</sup> was also very successful and attended by over 300 delegates. There are still parts of the country from where no one attends.

The PDIG will have one of the empty hexagons on the home page of the GHP website for their link as non GHP members find it hard to negotiate the site.

### **10.3 LDG**

The LDG will once again hold a set of workshops at the ANC.

The mentoring data base has been quietly successful over the years and the PLB intends to introduce this concept.

## **11. Date and time of next meeting**

February, Transport House, London