Council meeting
Thursday 13 September 2012

Summary of decisions taken

This is an informal summary of the main decisions made at the September 2012 Council meeting. The full agenda and papers are available on our website at: http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/about-us/who-we-are/gphc-council/council-meetings

Draft minutes of the meeting will be published as part of the papers for the Council meeting on 15 November 2012.

Strategic plan
The Council agreed the strategic plan for 2013-2016 subject to additional drafting, to be approved by the Chair of Council.

Report on the GPhC consultation ‘Modernising pharmacy regulation: draft standards for registered pharmacies’
The Council agreed:
- a response to the issues identified by the Council at their June meeting
- the consultation report for publication.

Standards for registered pharmacies
The Council agreed:
- the standards for registered pharmacies, subject to minor drafting amendments
- to delegate approval of any additional required amendments to the Chair of Council.
- to publish the standards widely as soon as the amendments had been finalised

Managing the transition: working towards implementation of the standards for registered pharmacies
The Council noted the paper and provided feedback on the approach proposed to managing the transition phase and work required in advance of full implementation. that would not be before October 2013

Enhancing our understanding of issues within the pharmacy team
The Council agreed:
- the proposal to undertake an all registrant survey to enhance the GPhC’s information and evidence base
- the GPhC’s intention to assess the need for further work in relation to key themes identified.

GPhC Policy on return to registration
The Council agreed:
- the proposed updated policy for those returning to registration
- necessary consequential amendments to registration criteria documents for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

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