Public business

Chief Executive & Registrar’s report

Purpose
To keep the Council abreast of significant recent meetings and developments.

Recommendation
The Council is asked to note this paper.

1.0 Recent meetings

1.1 The following is a non-exhaustive selection of significant meetings held during the two months since the last Council meeting. Initials are as follows: Bob Nicholls (RMN), Duncan Rudkin (DR), Hilary Lloyd (HL), Bernard Kelly (BK), Hugh Simpson (HS), Elaine Mulingani (EM):

1.2 Chair:
- No meetings in period as on annual leave.

1.3 Staff:
- Director of Corporate Resources, General Optical Council, Director of Corporate Services, General Dental Council (BK)
- Chief Executive & Registrar and Director of Corporate Resources, General Optical Council (DR, BK)
- Law Commission (DR, EM)
- Registration & Fitness to Practise Heads, General Optical Council (EM)
- Boots Pharmacists’ Association (HS)
- Early Warning Systems seminar (HL)
• New Council member (Gordon Dykes) induction (DR, HL, HS, BK, EM)
• Chief Executive & Registrars’ Steering Group (DR)
• PSNC/NHS Employers stakeholder meeting on Changes to the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (DR)
• Sandra Gidley (HS)
• Martin Knowles and David Cope, NHS Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance Committee (HS, EM)
• Felicity Cox and Taryn Harding, NHS Employers (DR, EM)
• Prime Minister’s speech on NHS reforms at Ealing Hospital (DR)
• Trevor Patterson, Chief Executive, Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (DR)
• All Party Pharmacy Group (APPG) meeting: Improving outcomes for patients with long term conditions: what can pharmacy offer? (HS)
• Department of Health Project Board - medicines legislation (DR)
• Professor Martin Severs, Chair, NHS Information Standards Board (EM)
• Pharmacy Law & Ethics association seminar exploring the GPhC’s powers and processes (DR chairing/presenting, with other GPhC staff)
• Modernising Pharmacy Careers board meeting (DR on behalf of RMN)
• Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England (DR)
• Modernising Pharmacy Careers briefing for GPhC (DR, HS)
• Dr Sue Ambler, MPC programme director, Department of Health (HL)
• Dr Chris Cutts, Director, Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (HS)
• PharmaTrust UK demonstration of MedCentre remote dispensing technology (DR, EM)
• Professor David Cousins, Head of Patient Safety - Medication Practice and Medical Devices, National Patient Safety Agency (DR, HS)

1.4 Council members are reminded to liaise with the office before accepting external invitations to speak on behalf of the GPhC, in order to minimise overlap and to ensure they have the most up-to-date supporting material.

2.0 June stakeholder event and strategy day

2.1 If any Members have not yet had the opportunity to return their preparation questionnaires to Satjit Singh please do so in order that the consolidated feedback he is preparing is fully informed. An adapted version of the questionnaire has been distributed to a number of stakeholder representatives so that we can take account of their feedback also.

2.2 Jeremy Taylor, Chief Executive of National Voices, has agreed to speak at our evening event.
3.0 **Enabling Excellence discussion**

3.1 The Council discussed the implications of the Government Command Paper *Enabling Excellence* at its workshop on 13 April.

4.0 **Revalidation stakeholder event**

4.1 The office has explored alternative dates for the revalidation stakeholder event and following feedback from members of the core Task & Finish group, speakers and potential external stakeholders is working towards re-scheduling the event to the 8th July 2011 (pm). We are awaiting feedback from PPI invitees.

5.0 **General Medical Council (GMC) consultation on Good practice in prescribing and managing medicines and devices**


We are preparing a GPhC response.

6.0 **Council for Health Regulatory Excellence (CHRE) Performance Review 2010/11**

6.1 We understand that the CHRE 2010/11 Performance Review report is due to be laid in Parliament and published on 29 June.

7.0 **Council for Health Regulatory Excellence (CHRE) commission on effectiveness and efficiency**

7.1 The Department of Health (DH) has given the office a preview of its instructions to CHRE on the above commission, in which it asks CHRE to set out a vision of what a modern cost effective and efficient regulatory system looks like for the health professional regulators, building on CHRE’s experience and taking account of work to date alongside the experiences of regulators. CHRE is urged to take account of feedback from public and patient groups, regulators, practitioner and employers, and to provide evidential detail, including that relating to impact on quality.
7.2 The DH intends that the review should consist of three phases:

1. review of what scope there is to improve the cost-efficiency and effectiveness of each regulator within the CHRE’s remit;
2. identification for each regulator of areas where significant cost reductions could be secured over the next three years (including consideration of a move to smaller councils); and
3. provision of detailed advice to Ministers on CHRE’s view of the reforms needed, including the relevant priority of any proposed reforms to deliver greater cost effectiveness and efficiency across the health professions’ regulatory bodies, taking account of good practice and looking at scope for harmonisation across the regulators.

7.3 The DH has requested an interim report by the end of July 2011 and a final report by November 2011.

8.0 The Pharmaceutical Journal

8.1 Those Council members who did not already have subscriptions should now be able to access The Pharmaceutical Journal online. Please contact Elaine Mulingani if you have not received your online subscription confirmation yet. We have also arranged for these Council members to receive a hard copy subscription, although this may take a couple of weeks to come through.

9.0 Consultations

9.1 A list of active and new consultations with which the organisation is or is not engaging is included at Appendix 1.

Recommendation

The Council is asked to note this paper.

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**Active and new consultations (week ending 13/5/2011)**

*New consultations, and those on which a final office decision is pending, are in italics.*

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