



## **PRINCIPLES OF PARTNERSHIP WITH EXPERT GROUPS**

### **Context**

The RPS mission seeks to increase the recognition that pharmacists enjoy as valued partners in the NHS and wider society and ensure they are positioned and trusted as the experts in medicines, to assist in advancement and enablement through evaluations and evidence based practice. In order to equip pharmacists for new and advanced roles and support them in their professional development across all sectors, we need a strategy for professional development beyond CPD towards continued professional education. By leading the development of such a strategy, we will be better placed to lead and promote the advancement of science practice and education in pharmacy: the role of a Professional Body.

It is key therefore to develop partnerships with specialist, clinical and scientific groups in the profession. Such partnerships would secure the development and delivery of allied projects, joint work and affiliations to secure the above Mission. Through effective partnerships, we can effectively lead, advocate, speak knowledgeably at policy forums, and celebrate good practice on behalf of the profession.

### **Key Partnerships**

This document outlines some generic areas for partnership working. In addition, we welcome working on specific project areas with can be subsequently incorporated into the partner agreement.

#### **Common themes for working in partnership,**

- To develop exciting and satisfying career pathways in pharmacy
- To develop exciting and satisfying pharmaceutical health care services
- To develop and support aspiring practitioners in pharmacy
- To develop a consistent approach to recognising professional development and achievement

#### **To achieve the above themes, we will work in partnership to:**

- Engage effectively in media, communications and publications to realize the voice of pharmacy
- Provide relevant and expert consultations and policy responses
- Develop virtual and face to face networks, with specialists and generalists across sectors
- Provide expert and specialist input to LPFs
- Set professional standards and guidance for practice beyond those required for regulation
- Develop professional curricula for advanced and specialist practice across pharmacy disciplines
- Co ordinate existing educational support for pharmacists across all sectors
- Develop new knowledge networks to signpost generalists to specialist and clinical training
- Develop and deliver consistent programmes of professional recognition, in line with national policy developments
- Engage meaningfully in professional strategies in workforce development
- Work together on events in partnership, where appropriate

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On behalf of UKCPA

I, the undersigned, Chair of UKCPA, can commit to working in partnership on the above workstreams during 2011

Signed:



Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011



I, the undersigned Director of Professional Development and Support at RPS, commit to working with [insert the name of the SG] on the above projects in partnership during 2011.

Signed

Mrs Helen Gordon  
Chief Executive, Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Date: 1 April 2011