

Date: 25 May 2000

Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly for Wales

Title: Prescribing Practices Task and Finish Group

Purpose

1. To report on the progress of the Prescribing Task and Finish Group to date, as requested by the Committee.

Background

2. The Task and Finish Group was established to consider options for improving prescribing and supply of medicines in Wales. The Group started work in January 2000.

3. The terms of reference of the group are:

- To consider what options the National Assembly for Wales has to improve the prescribing of drugs, the provision of pharmaceutical services and the supply of pharmaceuticals in Wales, taking into account all relevant factors within the framework of the Assembly's powers and responsibilities.
- To quantify the likely benefits and the resources needed to implement these options.
- To identify barriers to implementation and action that the Assembly can take to overcome these barriers.
- To consider what information the Assembly should seek to gather on the need for prescribed drugs and on the contribution of prescribed drugs to the overall health and well-being of the people of Wales; and how these information requirements should be met.
- To make recommendations to the Health and Social Services Secretary.

4. The focus will be on the Assembly's own powers and responsibilities for prescribing and related matters, either directly or through the NHS in Wales. The group will not be making recommendations on matters not devolved to the Assembly. NHS prescription charges together with charge exemption and remission arrangements also fall outside the scope of this exercise. There are no other constraints on the scope of the group's activities. Within these parameters, the group may interpret its remit as it thinks fit.

Progress

5. The Task and Finish Group on Prescribing met for its inaugural meeting in January 2000. The membership of the group reflects the health professional's involved in drug prescribing in Wales and comprises of:

Dr Norman Mills Chairman

Dr Alan Willson Iechyd Morgannwg Health Authority

Mrs Delyth Simons Prescribing Advisor

Dr Tony Calland GMP Welsh Medical Committee

Dr Terry Morris Hospital consultant

Mr Christopher Martin Community pharmacist

Mr Mike Pollard Hospital pharmacist

Mrs Vanessa Bourne Patients Association

Ms Marilyn Pitman Local Health Group manager

Mr Nigel Towns Director of Finance

Mr Dan Williams Association of Community Health councils for England and Wales

Mrs Rovena Cohen Nursing Officer, National Assembly for Wales

Dr Michael A O Lewis Senior Lecturer/Honorary Consultant oral medicine

Professor Philip Routledge Honorary Consultant Physician and Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, University of Wales College of Medicine

Ms Yvonne Protheroe Primary care nurse

6. The scope of the work undertaken by the group is shown by the agenda items addressed so far (see annex). There have also been meetings with a range of interested or involved parties outside the formal meetings of the group.

Timing

7. The group agreed at its meeting on 9th May 2000 that a realistic time-table from now would be the completion of a consultative document after the meeting on June 7th, followed by a period of consultation with all interested parties during July and August, with further meetings to consider those views in September and October, and the production of a final report at the end of October 2000.

Consideration

8. None. The report is submitted for information only.

Financial Implications

9. None, as this paper is for information only. The cost of the consultative document, estimated at £30,000, will be accommodated within the Prescribing Development budget. Financial implications will be identified in the Group's final report. Financial Planning Division has been consulted about this submission and is content with the financial aspects.

Compliance Implications

10. The group has been set up under devolved powers of Section 2 of the National Health Service Act 1977 . Compliance implications will be identified in the Group's final report. The Assembly Compliance Officer has seen and is content.

Jane Hutt

Assembly Secretary

ANNEX

**INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR PRESCRIBING ON FRIDAY 14
JANUARY 2000 AT 10.00, HENSOL CONFERENCE CENTRE**

AGENDA

- | | ENCLOSURE |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Welcome, Introductions and Membership | Presc 1 |
| 2. Terms of Reference and their Interpretation | Presc 2 |
| | Presc 3 |
| 3. Legal Framework | Presc 4 |
| | <i>(to be tabled)</i> |
| 4. Review of Literature | Presc 4 |
| | Presc 5 |
| | <i>(to be tabled)</i> |
| 5. Arrangements for commissioning submissions from interested groups | |
| 6. Detailed programme of work
Any other Business | |
| 7. | |
| 8. <i>Date and Time of Next Meeting</i> | |

Thursday 2 March 2000 at 10.00 am, Wedgewood Room, Hensol Conference Centre.

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

MEETING OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR PRESCRIBING ON THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2000 AT 10.00 AM IN THE WEDGWOOD ROOM, HENSOL CONFERENCE CENTRE

AGENDA

- | | <i>Presented by:</i> | <i>Enclosure Number:</i> |
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| 1. Welcome and Introduction | <i>Dr Norman Mills</i> | |
| 2. Apologies for absence | | |
| 3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 January 2000 | | <i>(To follow)</i> |
| 4. Matters Arising | | |

5.	Newsletter/Communications	<i>Mr Gavin Parry</i>	
6.	Potential Savings in Community Drug Costs in Wales	<i>Dr Brynley Davies</i>	Enc. 1
7.	Prescribing Indicators	<i>Dr Brynley Davies</i>	Enc. 2
8.	Summary of Existing Prescribing Reports	<i>Dr Brynley Davies</i>	Enc. 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prescription Fraud and Efficiency Scrutiny ● Review of Prescribing, Supply and Administration of Medicines ● Supporting Prescribing in General Practice 		
9.	Report Summaries	<i>Dr Brynley Davies</i>	Enc. 4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Repeat Prescribing by General Medical Practitioners in England. 		
*10.	Repeat Prescribing Local Action/Repeat Prescribing Review of Taff Ely Commissioning Group	<i>Dr Brynley Davies</i>	Enc. 5
11.	Joint Formulary Development	<i>Dr Brynley Davies</i>	Enc. 6
12.	Prescribing Incentive Scheme	<i>Mr Gavin Parry</i>	Enc. 7
	<i>(Submitted for information)</i>		(to follow)
13.	Previously Published Reports	<i>Dr Neil Roberts</i>	Enc. 8
14.	Discussion Document on Prescribing	<i>Mr Dan Williams</i>	Enc. 9
15.	Any Other Business		
16.	Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 29 March 2000 at 10.00 am in the Boardroom, Hensol Conference Centre.		

MEETING OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR PRESCRIBING ON WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2000 AT 10.00 AM IN THE BOARD ROOM, HENSOL CONFERENCE CENTRE

Please note: At 10.00 am there will be a presentation by Mrs Felicity Newton-Savage, Director, WeMeReC entitled "**WeMeReC – The Future for Wales**".

At 10.30 am there will be a presentation by Mr Ian Jones, Audit Commission

(Please bring papers from 2 March meeting (Item 6, Enclosure 1))

AGENDA

Presented by: **Enclosure
Number:**

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| 1. | Apologies for absence | | |
| 2. | Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 January and 2 March 2000 | | Enc 1 |
| 3. | Matters Arising | | |
| 4. | Patient Pack – Issues relating to the secondary care sector (Presentation) | <i>Mr Mike Pollard</i> | Enc 2 |
| 5. | Cost Effective Prescribing Strategies (Presentation) | <i>Mr Christopher Martin</i> | Enc 3 |
| 6. | Nurse Prescribing in Wales (Presentation) | <i>Mrs Rovena Cohen</i> | Enc 4 |
| 7. | Incentive Scheme | <i>Dr Alan Willson</i> | Enc 5 |
| 8. | Summary of Existing Prescribing, Supply and Administration Reports | <i>Mr Gavin Parry/
Carwen Wynne
Howells</i> | Enc 6 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prescription Fraud an Efficiency Scrutiny ● Review of Prescribing, Supply and Administration of Medicines ● Supporting Prescribing in General Practice | | |
| 9. | BMJ Articles – ‘Should Doctors Continue to see Pharmaceutical Company Representatives?’ and associated email correspondence | <i>Dr Brynley Davies</i> | Enc 7 |
| 10. | Repeat Prescribing Local Action/Repeat Prescribing – Review of Taff Ely Commissioning Group | <i>Dr Brynley Davies/
Rep from Taff Ely
Commissioning
Group</i> | |
| | <i>(Please bring papers from 2 March meeting (Item 10, Enclosure 5)</i> | | |
| 11. | The Royal College of General Practitioners View on the Future Role of Pharmacists in Primary Care | <i>Dr Tony Calland</i> | Enc 8 |
| 12. | ACHEW Response to the Minister of Health re: Community Pharmacy in England | <i>Mr Dan Williams
(for information)</i> | (to follow)
Enc 9 |
| 13. | Any Other Business | | (to follow) |
| 14. | Date and time of next meeting - to be agreed. | | |

MEETING OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR PRESCRIBING ON TUESDAY 9 MAY 2000 AT 10.00 AM IN THE BOARD ROOM, HENSOL CONFERENCE CENTRE

Please note: At 10.00 am there will be a presentation by Dr Paul Myres, Primary Care Advisor to CESU, Llandough and General Practitioner, Wrexham and Mrs Sue Lord, Clinical Pharmacist, North East Wales Trust entitled:

"Pharmacists and General Practices Working Together to Improve Safe and Effective Repeat Prescribing".

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	Presented by:	Enclosure Number:
1. Apologies for absence		
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 March 2000		Enc 1
3. Matters Arising		
4. Nurse Prescribing in Wales	<i>Mrs Rovena Cohen</i>	Enc 2
5. New Drug Prescribing	<i>Dr Alan Willson</i>	Enc 3
6. Pharmaceutical Industry Relationships	<i>Dr Brynley Davies</i>	Enc 4
<p>1. <i>Managing the Introduction of High Cost Drugs</i></p> <p>2. <i>Code of Practice for Health Service Relationships with Pharmaceutical Companies and a report from Iechyd Morgannwg Health on Relationships with the Pharmaceutical Industry and Code of Conduct</i></p> <p>3. <i>BMJ Articles – "Do Clinicians need to see Pharmaceutical Company Representatives?"</i></p>		
(Please bring papers from 29 March meeting (Item 9, Enclosure 7)		
7. The Establishment of Medication Error Reporting Programme for Wales	<i>Mr Mike Pollard</i>	Enc 5
8. Correspondence received on Performance Indicators	<i>Dr Brynley Davies</i>	Enc 6
(submitted for information purposes only)		
9. Health Perspectives – Generic Medicines: the "Wild Card" for PCG budgets – December 1999	<i>Mr Dan Williams</i>	(attachment to follow) Enc 7
10. Local Health Groups – A Unified Drugs Funding Source – Discussion Paper – Summary	<i>Dr Alan Willson</i>	(attachment to follow) Enc 8
(paper withdrawn)		
11. Report of the Swansea LHG Prescribing Adviser – Proton Pump Inhibitor Prescribing	<i>Miss Carwen Wynne-Howells</i>	Enc 9
(submitted for information purposes only)		
12. Prescribing	<i>Mrs Delyth Simons</i>	(attachment to follow) Enc 10

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| 13. | Delivering Care: Meeting Needs

Pharmacy Projects – Final Reports | <i>Miss Carwen
Wynne-Howells</i> | Enc 11

(attachment
to follow) |
| 14. | Letter from Mr J Smith, a member of Cardiff County Council

<i>(submitted for information purposes only)</i> | | Enc 12

(attachment
to follow) |
| 15. | Proposal to Develop a National Prescribing Support Service
For Wales | <i>Professor Philip
Routledge</i> | Enc 13 |
| 16. | The Role of Education and Training in Promoting Quality
Prescribing in Wales | <i>Professor Philip
Routledge</i> | Enc 14 |
| 17. | Submission from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great
Britain (RPSBG) | <i>Miss Carwen
Wynne Howells</i> | Enc 15 |
| 18. | Any Other Business | | |
| 19. | Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 7 June at
10.00 am, Conference Room A in the National Assembly
for Wales in Cardiff Bay | | |