

PRINCIPLES OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE ROYAL PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY (RPS) FACULTY AND COLLEGE OF MENTAL HEALTH PHARMACY (CMHP)

About the RPS

Royal Pharmaceutical Society

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is the professional body for pharmacists and pharmacy in England, Scotland and Wales.

What We Do

- We are proud to be the professional body for pharmacists and pharmacy.
- We promote pharmacy to ensure pharmacists are recognised within the NHS and wider society, as the experts in medicine.
- We make sure the voice of the pharmacy profession is heard in the development of healthcare policy.
- We promote the advancement of science, practice and education in pharmacy.
- We provide our members with the support and development they need to fulfil their professional potential.

How We Work

We put our members at the heart of everything we do, working collaboratively with stakeholders across the profession to enhance the reputation and develop the role of pharmacy and through this meet the needs of our members.

Our Mission

- We are member driven and offer the leadership, support and development that our members need to fulfil their potential
- We address the issues that are important to our members to enhance their job satisfaction and professional rewards
- We ensure that the voice of the pharmacy profession is heard and actively promoted in the development and delivery of healthcare policy, and that the vital contribution of pharmacy to patient and public health is widely recognised and acknowledged
- We increase the recognition that pharmacists enjoy as valued partners with the NHS and wider society and ensure that they are positioned and trusted as the experts in medicines
- We lead and promote the advancement of science, practice and education in pharmacy in order to shape and influence the future delivery of pharmacy driven services

Details of the CMHP

The CMHP is a registered charity (No. 1141467) and a Company Limited by Guarantee (Registration No. 7124743) Our organisation aims to support pharmacy professionals working with people with mental ill health and also those aiming to maintain mental health and wellbeing.

Our Charitable Objective is to

"advance education in the practice of mental health pharmacy and to promote and disseminate research for the public benefit in all aspects of that subject."

Our Aims are to

1. Support, develop and encourage the safe, effective and economical use of medicines for people with mental health problems, by the dissemination of evidence based education and training resources..
2. Recognise advanced levels of practice through accreditation of our members and inform the wider process of credentialing within pharmacy.
3. Ensure the sharing of good practice and to identify and prioritise areas for audit, research and service development at local and national levels.
4. Enhance the awareness of mental health problems and their management in all care sectors
5. Ensure the future of the College of Mental Health Pharmacy as a charitable organisation

We do this by

Collaborating with organisations at local and national level to inform mental health policy with respect to medicines optimisation, and by promoting best practice in the prescribing of all psychotropic medication.

Working in partnership for the benefit of Pharmacy

We continue to develop services to support pharmacists in their day to day jobs; collate evidence of the contribution of pharmacy to patient care and public health and harness expertise from all sectors to lead and advocate for pharmacy, patients and the public.

In partnership, we have worked together on media, networks, consultations, education and development and professional recognition, standards and guidance, our map of evidence and the new website www.ipharmacist.me and a programme of clinical audit tools.

We work in partnership to ensure pharmacy is firmly on the health agenda to ensure we are the expert voice of pharmacy in the media and press.

The RPS Faculty

In partnership, we are developing ways in which we can support our members across all sectors and developing ways in which we can recognise their advancement and progression.

In partnership, we are building e-portfolios and networking the networks, alongside early plans to recognise mentoring across the profession. Plans for recognition will also include consideration of RPS post nominals, alongside those that already exist

These developments sit in line with the RPS Charter and will take the recommendations of Lord Carter forward in an inclusive manner across generalist, specialist and science practice.

Particular note is made of the following with CMHP during 2013.

1. Resources

During 2013, partnership working will not intentionally seek to undermine the membership or resources of either the RPS or the CMHP.

Partnership working means that access to respective membership, for the purposes of advocating for and on behalf of the Partnership, and in conjunction with the Faculty development plans, will be permitted, with the consent of both parties.

2. Reputation

During 2013, our partnership working will in no way seek to undermine the membership or reputation of the RPS or that of CMHP.

Working in Partnership means that both parties will endeavour to provide excellence in standards of working together. Partnership working means that a mutually supportive relationship is in place between the RPS and the CMHP.

3. Brand and finances

During 2013, our partnership working will in no way seek to undermine the brand, finances, staff membership or reputation of the RPS or of the CMHP. The operations and actions of the developing RPS Faculty will be mindful of payments and fees and these will be continually reviewed during 2013 to ensure the CRM is not financially disadvantaged within the partnership.

The independent financing of the CMHP (including its sponsorship, funding and assets) will be maintained separately from RPS unless the CMHP wishes to discuss alternative arrangements.

The CMHP will continue to hold its annual conference and educational events separately from the RPS but will collaborate to joint conference sessions as appropriate.

Individual sponsorship arrangements, funding revenues and assets remain with the Group. Conferences and learning events administered by the Group can continue unaffected, unless the Partner group wishes to discuss alternative arrangements. Financial arrangements of the partnership agreements can be mutually reviewed after 1 year. Separate membership fees will remain for specialist groups and RPS, unless the Partner group wishes to discuss alternative arrangements.

The RPS will develop business plans for governance and transparency of any RPS Faculty management panel for fees and RPS Faculty member fees.

Any Partnership agreement between the RPS and a group does not preclude discussions concerning future management of standardised membership fees or agreements pertaining to membership fees. No financial decisions will be made without prior agreement and consensus between the Partners.

4. Autonomy

During 2013, our partnership working will in no way seek to undermine the autonomy of the RPS or that of the CMHP.

On behalf of the College of Mental Health Pharmacy

I, the undersigned, President of the College of Mental Health Pharmacy can commit to working in partnership with the RPS on projects outlined in this document and any further developments during 2013

Signed

Dr Denise Taylor

Date *30th January 2013*



On behalf of Royal Pharmaceutical Society

I, the undersigned Chief Executive at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, commit to working in partnership with CMHP 2013

Signed

Mrs Helen Gordon

Date

