

# The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust



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## **Pharmacy Practice Research Trust study provides evidence base to support APPG Report on the future of pharmacy**

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust welcomes the All Party Pharmacy Group recommendations for the future of pharmacy published today, the results of which mirror the results of work commissioned by the Trust. Professor Alison Blenkinsopp and colleagues were commissioned in 2006 to undertake an evaluation of the implementation of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) throughout England and Wales. Their work which is now completed provides robust, evidence-based research on the impact of the contractual framework particularly on enhanced and advanced services, on outcomes for staff and on quality issues.

“Our research findings” said Professor Blenkinsopp, “highlight the need for action to boost inter-professional relationships between community pharmacists and general practice; to ensure that pharmacy is engaged with practice based commissioning; to stimulate and spread innovation in enhanced services; to make sure that PCOs conduct robust Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments; and to promote CPCF to patients, the public and clinicians.”

The evaluation brings together robust data from surveys, focus groups and interviews with community pharmacists, GPs, patients and primary care organisation staff with NHS data on provision of MUR and repeat dispensing. It also includes an in depth study of GPs and pharmacists’ suggestions for overcoming barriers and moving forward with the pharmacy contract.

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“The research team’s final report is complete and will be the subject of several sessions at the British Pharmaceutical Conference in September”, said the Trust.

The objective of the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust is to commission and promote robust, evidence based research to inform developments and changes to the practice of pharmacy practice.

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Notes to editors:

1. Summary of Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework: delivering its promise? and questions and answers available at <http://www.rpsgb.org/worldofpharmacy/research/pharmacypracticeresearchtrust/#wf>
2. All Party Pharmacy Group, The Future of Pharmacy, Report of the APPG Inquiry, June 2007 [www.appg.org.uk](http://www.appg.org.uk)
3. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust (PPRT) was established in July 1999 as an independent research charity with a broad objective to promote and develop the field of pharmacy practice research. Its trustees are drawn from senior health policy makers, leading academics, industrialists and retailers.
4. The research was commissioned by the PPRT with a grant from the RPSGB.