

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust



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Galbraith Report delay provides an opportunity says Pharmacy Practice Research Trust

The announcement by the Department of Health of the delayed publication of the Galbraith Report on the delivery of pharmacy services provides a timely opportunity for new research findings to be taken into account says the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust. An evaluation of the New Contractual Framework for Pharmacy in England and Wales commissioned by the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust has recently been completed and according to Marshall Davies, chair of the PRRT, “the delay is particularly important in light of this research. It will enable the Minister of Public Health to include considerations of these findings as part of her team’s further reflections on the conclusions of the Galbraith Retail Pharmacy Review and those of the recent All Party Parliamentary Group for Pharmacy report.”

Led by Professor Alison Blenkinsopp, Keele University School of Pharmacy, in collaboration with Professor Christine Bond, University of Aberdeen and Gianpiero Celino of Webstar Health, the work 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.

The research findings, which will be fully reported at the British Pharmaceutical Conference in September, highlight issues affecting the take up of Medicines Use

Reviews and 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 and to make sure that PCOs conduct robust Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments.

“We will be sending the Rt Hon Dawn Primorolo details of Professor Blenkinsopp’s study and hope that the findings will be considered as part of the preparation of the proposed White Paper setting out the Department of Health proposals for developing pharmacy services” said Marshall Davies.

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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. 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. For further information email: practiceresearch@rpsgb.org
3. The research was commissioned by the PPRT with a grant from the RPSGB.