Minutes of
BASHH Pharmacy Special Interest Group
Wednesday 15th September 2010
Seminar Room, Lloyd Clinic
Guy’s Hospital

In attendance:
Dr Andrew Benzie
Dr Jane Hutchinson
Dr Richard Lau (Chair)
Miss Evelyne Beech (RPSGB)
Miss Lorna Sutcliffe

Apologies for absence: Drs Rimi Shah, Alan Tang, Shamela de Silva

1. Welcome & Introduction
Richard Lau welcomed members of the SIG. Apologies for absence was received (above). The minutes of the last meeting on 30th April 2010 were approved.

2. Matters arising from last meeting
   • Meeting with CPPE. At the invitation of Evelyne Beech, Jane Hutchinson and Andrew Benzie attended a meeting with representatives of CPPE (Matthew Shaw, Geraldine Flavell and others) on 17th June 2010 to collaborate on updating the CPPE learning programme on Sexual health in pharmacies. Learning objectives were matched with the elements of care for Level 1 as set out in the BASHH standards document. STIF Level 1 competency assessment was suggested for pharmacy accreditation. The meeting went very well and Andrew Benzie was invited to produce a module for sexual history taking for pharmacists. Both SIG representatives were invited to comment on draft versions of Sexual Health in Pharmacies and the workbook written by Geraldine Flavell (East Midlands Tutor & Regional Manager, CPPE). This incorporates significant amounts of the BASHH Standards document.
   • The Group acknowledged the excellent work Jane and Andrew had done in building bridges with pharmacists and in particular for working with Ms Flavell in production of CPPE documents that incorporated BASHH standards.
   
   Actions: All SIG members to check standards are accurately represented in pharmacy document. Chair to assign responsibility with expectation of quick turnaround.
   Chair to invite Matthew Shaw and/or Geraldine Flavell to next SIG meeting.

   • Confidentiality. Concern raised about confidentiality and retention of health records in pharmacies. Would have to be consistent with national guidelines; unclear if clinical governance arrangements rest with local PCT, but likely to be similar with other medical conditions(?)
   Action: Chair to check BASHH guidance on this and circulate any information to Group

   • eLfH module for pharmacists. This was now in place. Access for pharmacists to use the existing DH eLfH sexual health/STI modules currently being discussed with Jackie Sherrard.
• **Investigating local pharmacy interest in sexual health training.** A Benzie reported that RPSGB Branches had been replaced by pharmacy Local Practice Forums (LPFs). He met with Amanda King (LPF Manager, RPSGB), who was keen to get LPFs to develop a sexual health agenda. She is planning to meet with Chris Cutts (CPPE Director) to see if practical measures can be taken to develop locally provided competencies training and facilitation of the course material/workbooks developed by Geraldine Flavell et al. The Group was supportive of this initiative and considered a number of ideas of how GU/sexual health clinicians could act as course facilitators as well as mentors/assessors within LPFs.

**Action:** Andrew to report on further developments.

3. **Any other business**
The Group acknowledged the significant contributions made, in particular, by E Beech, A Benzie and J Hutchinson in establishing good working relationships with CPPE and RPSGB and in maintaining the momentum to roll out training for pharmacists.

Date & venue of next meeting: Wednesday 19th January 2011, Lloyd Clinic, Guy’s Hospital.