



## **Qualifications Support Team (QST): HN pharmacy portfolio**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 June 2023 (via Microsoft Teams)**

### **Present:**

Aileen Begley	External Verifier
Angela Cannon	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Ann White	Glasgow Kelvin College
Carol Neilson	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Colin Sinclair	NHS Fife
Jodi Jenkins	External Verifier
Laura Gibson	Qualifications Officer
Laura McClelland	Edinburgh College
Suzanne Thompson	West College Scotland
Val Findlay	NHS Education for Scotland

### **Not present:**

Afraa Mahmood	Glasgow Kelvin College
Fiona Anderson	Edinburgh College
Jonathan Gillies	Qualifications Manager
Marion Gates	NHS Fife
Susan Roberts	NHS Education for Scotland
Yvonne Bayne	Fife College

### **Welcome, introductions and apologies**

Apologies were received from Jonathan Gillies and Yvonne Bayne.

#### **1. SVQ in Pharmacy Services at SCQF level 6**

Laura Gibson confirmed the three new primary care NOS have been approved by GPhC and added to the SVQ in Pharmacy Services at SCQF level 6 framework.

- Contribute to the Management of Medication Audit and Review (J79C 04)
- Contribute to the Non-clinical Medication Review (J79D 04)
- Support the Prescription Administration Process (J79E 04)

Laura Gibson advised centres who are currently approved for the SVQ in Pharmacy Services at SCQF level 6 will be contacted by SQA's QA team and asked to sign a self-declaration to confirm they understand and want to be approved for the three new NOS. Centres have 6 weeks to respond. If no response is received within the 6 weeks, centres would have to go through the normal approval process.

## **2. Diploma in Pharmacy Services at SCQF level 8**

Laura Gibson confirmed GPhC have approved minor amendments to the Storage and Use of Medicines unit within the PDA in Pharmacy Services at SCQF level 7 (GR0N 47), the unit has now been updated and re-coded (J7HN 33). GPhC also approved the changes made by Skills for Health to PHARM31 NOS within the SVQ in Pharmacy Services at SCQF level 8 (GR2C 24), the NOS has been re-coded (J78K 04).

The assessor's guidelines for the SVQs in Pharmacy Services at SCQF level 6 and 8 is currently being updated to include the three new primary care NOS and the amendments to Pharm31.

## **3. Aseptic units**

Laura Gibson advised she didn't receive much feedback from the aseptic working group. All feedback received has been sent to Suzanne who is currently updating both units, as well as structured questions that will be issued for wider consultation. Laura Gibson advised members of the importance of feedback from the sector and would appreciate their support, therefore all QST members will be included in the consultation process and it would be appreciated if they could make sure the units are reviewed by pharmacy professionals working within aseptics.

## **4. Session 2023-24**

Laura Gibson confirmed the approach for session 2023-24.

- Remove the decision tree
- Reinstate the evidence requirements for Graded Units in Higher National Certificates and Diplomas
- A generic guidance document will be produced to help support integration of assessment across units and outcomes. This will replace the existing document 'Supporting the delivery, assessment and verification of vocational qualifications'

## **5. AOB**

Suzanne wanted to raise awareness for centres that she had come across some experienced work-based assessors using the question "what would you do if...." to evidence performance criteria. Centres need to be aware and remind assessors that performance evidence must be evidence of *doing* the task (this type of question only generates evidence from the trainee of what to do, not of having done). Some units have simulation allowed for set criteria that does not occur very often; this is where the trainee still gets to do the task but it is an arranged experience rather than naturally occurring.

Suzanne also queried if a centre subscribes to the alerts available on the website for updates, what updates are included in these alerts. If centres sign up to alerts on the website, for weekly, monthly or quarterly updates, they will get alerts when the selected web page is amended. Laura Gibson confirmed that most updates with regard to revised units etc would come from her through email to delivering centres or at the Pharmacy QST.

**Actions**

- Laura Gibson to send QST members an online poll to ascertain the best date/time for the next meeting.

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