

Attendees

Nabeela	Ahmed	MMU
Robert	Barry	CMU
Chloe	Biginell	Cardiff University
Jenn	Champion-Cope	Cardiff University
Natalie	Cox	WEDS
Philani	Dube	Bradford University
Lynne	Evans	RCT People First
Sophie	Evans	ABMU
Pauline	Findlay	Cardiff University
Hayley	Forbes	Cardiff University
Harriet	Glenn	Bangor University
Esther	Holloway	ABUHB
Sarah	Knowles	UoSW
Jenny	Lavington	Cardiff University
Tania	O'Leary	Bangor University
Thea	Marshall	Cardiff University
Gerard	McGinty	Bradford University
Holly	Morse	Swansea University
Jovita	Mullen	Bangor University
Rebecca	Murphy	Cardiff University
Natalie	Pitman	CMU
Elinor	Smith	Bangor University
Samantha	Taylor	RCT People First
Melissa	Traynor	Swansea University
Heather	Wood	Cardiff and Vale UHB

Apologies

Tabassum Ali
Becky Barclay
Ali Holland
Ffion Owen
Danielle Shears
Philippa Stiff
Paula Williams

Minutes from April 2016 meeting

Nothing to report.

Share a positive experience of being a student healthcare professional

- Passing HCPC verification
- Delivering 13 babies during first year placements.
- Getting new jobs since qualifying.
- Team working.
- Finishing dissertation.
- Completing a final placement.
- Getting better grades in second year then first year.
- Attending a conference for pharmacy.
- Enjoying a placement in outpatients in Bridgend. For the team working and knowledge gained.
- Passing the first year and gaining more confidence.

Student presentations

Sophie Evans – Pharmacy technician

Roles of a pharmacy technician: registered HC professionals, deal with technical side of pharmacy rather than clinical, supply medicines, give advice to patients and doctors, have an excellent understanding of what the medicines do in the body, they can go in to manufacture of medicines, supervise staff and manage stock levels.

They are based in communities and hospitals, in the military, prisons, pharmacy industry and primary care.

It is a protected title, protected by the Association of Pharmacy Technicians.

The training does not have to be undertaken at a university, it can be done on the job and there are further training opportunities once you qualify.

The role is varied and versatile, no day is the same, patients outcomes improve because they better understand how the medicine works. It is very rewarding, working on a ward means you work with other HC professionals so it is fun and interesting too.

Different roles within a community pharmacy: pharmacist, pharmacy technician and pharmacy assistant.

Philani Dube – Clinical engineer, specialising in rehabilitation.

Works with patients with motor neurons disease to create dynamic arm supports. This will help keep the patient independent, allowing them to feed themselves. This improves well being. The job required problem solving skills. It is not just about designing and fabrication but customisation, performance analysis, outcome measures, integration and research and development. The role involves initial assessment of patient's needs, home visits, provision of a standard piece of equipment which is then customised, modification and customisation of equipment, set up and training, on going support and collaboration with other HC professionals.

RCT People First

Lyn, Sam and Colin from RCT People First gave a presentation on the work they have done to help HC professionals to work with people with different learning needs. They speak to nurses while they are training, give presentations at conferences, give training to different professionals and are involved in student assessment before they get accepted on to HC courses. They showed a video about how it feels to be in a medical situation as a person with learning difficulties and things to think about when communicating with different people.

Activity: What matters to you when you go for treatment?

Told us about Picture Exchange, which is a communication method specifically tailored to help with communicating with people with learning difficulties. There is also easy read language, understanding that the patient is the expert in their own lives, speak to the individual not just their carer. Everyone wants to feel listened to and have things explained to them clearly. Many hospitals have learning difficulties nurses and champions, some patients have hospital passports which give information about their needs and likes.

NHS Wales Careers Ambassadors

6. Presentation from NHS Wales Career advisor, Sharron Jenkins.

Her work involves running the website, network, career events, running the advisory service, running the live / work campaign. The network is made up of Welsh government, NHS professionals, university representatives, employment services and the deanery. They share information from within and outside the NHS on careers.

Sharron was looking for volunteers to attend the network meetings with Skills Cymru in North Wales on 4th and 5th October and in South Wales on 11th and 12th October.

She is trying to promote the wide range of HC roles available within the NHS and wants a WHSF member to speak to schools.

<http://www.weds.wales.nhs.uk/nhs-wales-careers/>

The Work of the 203 Field Hospital

Presentation by Captain Huw Williams and Colonel Neil Smith about 203 Field Hospital.

Role of Army medical services: 4 corps, RA medical corps, RA vet corps, dental corps and queen Alexandra's RA nursing corps. They promote health and prevent disease, treat the sick and injured as well as caring for the dead. In peace time they look after service people, on operations they are deployed in medical units. Role 1 is unit aid post. Role 2. Medical regiment, Role 3. Field hospital, Role 4. NHS hospital. Medical care for service people usually happens in hospital units across the UK.

Medical treatment on operations employs a 'buddy buddy' first aid system, they are trained as combat medical technicians which is the same standard as an ambulance technician.

They recruit medical professionals to join them as volunteers, they mainly recruit from the NHS. Apply online via Army Jobs.

WHSF Committee elections

Chair	David McNabb
Vice-Chair	Hayley Proctor
Committee Secretary	Heather Wood
Communications Officer	Gerard mcginty
Welsh Language Officer	vacant
Conference & Promotions Officer	Holly Morse
University Rep Cardiff	Tabassum Ali
University Rep Bangor	Jovita Mullen
University Rep Swansea	Melissa Traynor
University Rep CMU	Natalie Pitman
University Rep Glyndwr	Ffion Owen
University Rep UoSW	Sarah Knowles

University Rep MMU

Nabeela Ahmed

WHSF Conference update

Collecting for Food Bank, please bring food donations to the next meeting!

Your say

Charity fund raising – climbing Pen Y Fan on 12th August to raise money for Tenovus. Link of FB page to just giving.

Improvements and positive feedback

Positive points about the meeting: Always interesting to learn about other HC professions. Interesting to learn about Reserve Army opportunities for HC professionals. Useful to know more about treating people with learning difficulties.