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# News Release

## **BPSA RESPONSE TO TRANSCOM**

The BPSA is pleased that Transcom recognises the importance of the Student members and regards them valuable enough to create some form of direct student membership of the Professional Body alongside the BPSA.

The BPSA welcomes the recommendation of the Transcom membership working group to have early engagement with the BPSA, something already beginning to take place as the BPSA president is a member of both the Membership and Membership services working groups.

The BPSA also welcomes the additional representation that can be afforded to preregistration trainee pharmacists by allowing them to have associate membership of the new professional body.

We do feel however, that the issue of integrated degree status and sandwich students at Bradford University needs further consideration.

BPSA President James Davies said

*" We are pleased that Transcom is listening to what students want and are recognising undergraduates and preregistration pharmacists as a vital part of this new professional body.*

*This is a good building block to start with, however it is important that the BPSA can find an amicable affiliation status with the body to allow both support and autonomy in the future.*

*We look forward to working closely to discuss this affiliation in the future and to ensure that these recommendations come to fruition"*

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## **Background**

The British Pharmaceutical Students' Association is in its 67th year and is the only national body that represents pharmacy students and preregistration trainees. The BPSA aims to promote the interests and welfare of pharmacy students and is the official student organisation of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

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