



# **British Pharmaceutical Students' Association**

## **Policy Statements**

2017 - 2019

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## 1. Internal Motions

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## 2. Motions Relating to the BPSA Constitution and Regulations

- 2.1. This Association believes that during the Executive elections, there should be an opportunity for members to give objective factual information about a nominee, at the discretion of the Returning Officer. This should occur for every position once every nominee has spoken and whilst they are not present (2018).
- 2.2. This Association believes that regulations should be changed set out in the “76<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Supplement 1”, including verbal and written recommendations. (2018)
- 2.3. This Association believes that changes to section 5 of the BPSA Regulations ‘Executive Elections’ passed at the 76th Annual Conference should take effect immediately. (2018)
- 2.4. This Association believes that a subcommittee should be convened to review the aims, structure, and ways of working of the Association and its Executive and to report their findings at Annual Conference. (2018)
- 2.5. This Association believes that the Executive may vote, with a two thirds majority of Executive members present and voting and a quorum of at least two thirds of Executive members, to remove a member of the Executive from their position, the timing to be decided by those present and voting. The Executive member facing the vote of no confidence may not take part. All other members of the Executive shall be invited and sufficient provisions made to allow them to attend. Executive members may vote either for or against removal and may not abstain. The chair shall not vote. All votes shall be secret but counted for the minutes of the Association. This motion shall take effect immediately. (2019)
- 2.6. The Association’s Executive 2019-20 should consider the feasibility for an unofficial 20th Executive member, recruited via cooption, to act on the recommendations of the outgoing 2018-19 Executive. (2019)

## 3. Motions Relating to the Pharmacy Degree

- 3.1. This Association believes that Schools of Pharmacy should promote interprofessional learning (IPL) through academic and social activities with other healthcare students. (2017)
- 3.2. This Association believes that a Dementia Friends workshop should be run at all Schools of Pharmacy. (2017)
- 3.3. This Association believes that the Pharmacy course should introduce upcoming technologies, such as personalised medicines and pharmacogenetics, into the curriculum that will affect current and future pharmacists. (2017)

- 3.4. This Association believes that all undergraduate Pharmacy degrees should include patient centred examinations in each year of study. (2017)
- 3.5. This Association believes that the BPSA should liaise with ABPI, Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Society, and individual pharmaceutical companies to try and increase the number of industrial placements and pre-registration places available across the UK. (2017)
- 3.6. This Association believes that more information should be available to students on the many available Pharmacy careers that exist beyond community, hospital and primary care. (2017)
- 3.7. This Association believes that Schools of Pharmacy should raise awareness of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and their work. (2017)
- 3.8. This Association believes that Schools of Pharmacy should require MPharm students to re-sign the code of conduct at least once each year. (2017)
- 3.9. This Association believes that Pharmacy Schools should do more to teach students about safeguarding. (2018)
- 3.10. This Association believes that Schools of Pharmacy should incorporate business and enterprise into their curricula. (2018)
- 3.11. This Association believes that the MPharm curriculum should teach students how to recognise and respond to mental health conditions. (2018)
- 3.12. This Association believes that herbal and natural medicines should be included in pharmacy education to a greater extent, to challenge misconceptions and promote greater research. (2019)
- 3.13. This Association believes that pharmacy students should be educated on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. (2019)
- 3.14. This Association believes that those who teach on MPharm degrees should have some sort of teacher training. This would not apply to guest speakers. (2019)

#### 4. **Pre-Registration Training**

- 4.1. This association believes that models of pre-registration training must be developed which provide multi-sectoral experience, to effectively prepare students for professional practice. (2017)
- 4.2. The Association should continue to work with the GPhC to reflect on each pre-registration assessment with regards to the marking process. (2017)
- 4.3. This Association believes that Oriel should take students' previous work experience and extracurricular activities into greater consideration. (2018)
- 4.4. This Association believes that the cuts made by Health Education England to hospital pre-registration training funding should be stopped or reversed. (2019)

#### 5. **Professional Pharmacy and Related Matters**

- 5.1. This Association believes that the Executive should work with the Department of Health, the Society, and other relevant organisations to raise public awareness of risks associated with failing to adhere to the NHS Childhood Vaccination Schedule. (2017)
- 5.2. This Association believes that an effort should be made to encourage and educate the public on the appropriate use of NHS services. (2017)

- 5.3. This Association believes that an effort should be made to ensure the quality of advanced pharmacy services is not compromised by targets and quotas. (2017)
- 5.4. This Association believes that Boots meal deals should be expanded to include two snacks in addition to a sandwich and a drink. (2017)
- 5.5. This Association believes that the key points outlined in the 'Aspirations and Expectations of Pharmacy Students' discussion paper should be actioned. (2017)
- 5.6. This Association believes that owing to a lack of conclusive evidence to support the efficacy of homeopathic medicines, they should not be sold or supplied from UK registered pharmacies. (2017)
- 5.7. This Association believes that the decriminalisation of dispensing errors should be supported. (2018)
- 5.8. This Association believes that drug misusers and addicts should be considered as patients rather than criminals. (2018)
- 5.9. This Association believes that pharmacists and other healthcare professionals should not be allowed to smoke whilst identifiable as healthcare professionals. (2018)
- 5.10. This Association believes that we should support the implementation of pharmacists in care homes. (2018)
- 5.11. This Association believes that community pharmacists should be the first point of call for minor ailments. (2018)
- 5.12. This Association believes that feminine hygiene products in the UK should be exempt from tax. (2018)
- 5.13. This Association believes that feminine hygiene products should be made more accessible to all. (2018)
- 5.14. This Association believes that pharmacists should be portrayed more accurately in stock images, with the white coat look being consigned history. (2018)
- 5.15. This Association believes that there should be equal opportunities for professional promotion and growth for all Pharmacists, regardless of gender, sexuality, race, religion, etc. (2018)
- 5.16. This Association believes that during the 'Brexit' transition period the Society should work with the government to ensure the wellbeing of the profession after leaving the EU. (2018)
- 5.17. This Association believes that self-injecting facilities should be available, to have a positive impact on public health and communities. (2018)
- 5.18. This Association believes that supporting the mental health of pharmacists, pre-registration trainees and pharmacy students is of the utmost importance. (2018)
- 5.19. This Association believes that pharmacy should be funded as a healthcare degree like medicine or dentistry, instead of a science degree. (2018)
- 5.20. This Association believes that prescription exemption categories should be reviewed, and amended accordingly. (2018)
- 5.21. This Association believes that more research should be carried out in order to find a cure for hangovers. (2018)
- 5.22. This Association believes that better safeguarding should be put in place with regards to over-the-counter opioids. (2019)

- 5.23. This Association believes that no non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs should be sold as general sales list (GSL) medicines. (2019)
- 5.24. This Association believes that alcohol should only be sold in shops between 10am and 10pm, excluding bars, clubs and other licensed premises. (2019)
- 5.25. This Association believes that pharmacists should be available in Accident and Emergency departments to decrease waiting times. (2019)
- 5.26. This Association believes that all pharmacists in the UK should offer Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC), regardless of their personal, ethical or religious beliefs. (2019)
- 5.27. This Association believes that pharmacy students should advocate for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. (2019)