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ENGLISH PHARMACY BOARD RESPONDS TO THE REVISION OF THE OPERATING FRAMEWORK FOR THE NHS 2010/11

A revision to the Operating Framework for the NHS in England 2010/11 has been published by the Secretary of State for Health, setting out a number of areas subject to immediate change.

Howard Duff, England Director, at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society said:

“The new revised Operating framework for NHS will result in hard hitting cost reduction targets within the managed sector. We would urge Government to recognise the enormous value pharmacists employed by the NHS bring. This includes managing the drugs budget nationally, regionally and locally improving discharge processes and reducing the number of prescribing incidents. Improving outcomes for patients through effective medicine management when in hospital and in the community.

The patient facing and strategic roles that pharmacists have within the NHS are essential to delivering a safe, clinically effective service that delivers value for the taxpayer and improves clinical outcomes for patients.”

And adds:

“The operating framework presents pharmacy with opportunities as well.

The new GP consortia commissioning model must have a multidisciplinary approach and look at all services in a new innovative way. This could maximise the opportunities for pharmacy that Practice based Commissioning has failed to deliver.

I would expect the continued emphasis on the separation of commissioner and provider which applies to PCTs to be seen as equally appropriate for GP consortia.

Pharmacists in communities are the most accessible healthcare professionals, seeing the greatest number of patients on a daily basis. The RPSGB will urge policy makers to further exploit the opportunities enabling pharmacists to be an integral part of the multidisciplinary health team to improve the delivery of health care.”

To read the full Revision to the Operating Framework for the NHS in England 2010/11, please click [here](#)

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