



**British  
Pharmaceutical  
Students'  
Association**

## Second Meeting of the 79th Executive

**20th - 22nd December 2020, Zoom**

### Decision Making

The Executive undertook a workshop around decision making and productive discussions.

### Mental Health

The Association will be holding a mental health campaign from the 4th of February to the 4th of March (Time to talk day to University mental health day). This will be developing on the previous work the Association has undertaken around mental health. The campaign will involve theming the Associations work around mental health (e.g. social media, publications and webinars) in the aim of creating an environment where people feel more comfortable speaking about mental health and are aware of how to access support. For further information on this campaign, or if you wish to get involved, please contact [secgen@bpsa.co.uk](mailto:secgen@bpsa.co.uk).

### Area Events

This semester events with the following topics were held in the five different areas:

Northern: Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

Western: Chronic Respiratory Conditions

Pennine: Improving Autism Accessibility in Healthcare

Southern: Inclusivity and Diversity

Eastern: Racial Disparities in Health care

These events can be viewed on the BPSA's youtube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg0N6COHAgO-iqd1QlYqKIA>

The Executive discussed how best to engage people with online events. In non-pandemic years the Area Coordinators would hold day events, however with the move to online events and learning it is not viable to have the same length of time dedicated to the event.

The next round of events will include: personalised medicine, women's health and sustainable development goals.

More details regarding area events will be released on the BPSA's social media.



## Annual Conference

The Annual Conference logo is currently being designed and adapted to an online event. This will be released in due course.

While planning Annual Conference, considerations are being made to account for the event being held online and how this will work with online student learning and for individuals who are working. The last online conference highlighted how shorter evening sessions engaged people more than long days on the weekend.

## Leadership

The Executive undertook a workshop around leadership.

## Inclusivity and Diversity

The Executive discussed the previous work that has been undertaken including the Inclusivity and Diversity survey and how the team has worked to the changes set out in the Associations 'Black Lives Matter' statement in June.

The Treasurer has been attending meetings with externals regarding inclusivity and diversity and the practical steps to implement this in the profession.

The Inclusivity and Diversity survey will be closing at the end of January, the data from this survey will be used to direct the Executives work internally and when advocating for our members. This can be completed here: [Inclusivity and Diversity Survey \(google.com\)](#)

The Executive discussed how we as an Association can use our platform to advocate for more inclusion and diversity in aspects of pharmacy such as the undergraduate curriculum and how we can work to make our events and work we do more inclusive.

There was discussion around what we can do as an Association during the The United Nations (UN) International day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March the 21st. In addition to this the point was raised that we should not wait for a specific date to implement work on inclusivity and diversity and it should be a continual focus, but we should use these specific dates to amplify the message.



## Stakeholders

The team discussed the current stakeholders the Association has and how we work with them.

## Oriel Survey

The Executive released a survey around the Oriel process for 2020 to see applicants' feedback. This survey closed on the 31/12/20 and a report will be released regarding this in 2021 with key recommendations.

## Sustainable Development Goals

This is an area that the Association's members have directed the Executive to work on. The plan is to start implementing aspects of these in the Association's work and build the foundations for this to continue. The initial areas for the team to look at is as follows:

- Do something as an exec involving climate action (e.g. reducing carbon footprint in go green week: 14th-18th March).
- Health and wellbeing FPI development goal number 18, access to medicines devices etc. and who can/cant get access to vaccines etc.
- The way we make medicines, something to do with production and process and how we can be sustainable.

It was highlighted that upcoming area events relate to the SDGs and so action can be made to highlight this.

## IETP & Foundation Programme

This is a big piece of work for the Association and its members. A survey was released last year regarding this which will be reviewed in the new year and next steps considered. Furthermore the BPSA will be attending further meetings on the development of the programme in 2021 in order to advocate for the Association's members.

## Any Other Business

Further aspects of discussion included the recruitment of BPSA Liaisons, Associate membership, upcoming webinar Wednesday on Pharmacists in Policy making, IPSF's global health work and development fund, and further updates regarding the delayed GPhC registration exam.