

**James Semple, Vice-chairman of Community Pharmacy Scotland has been appointed to the newly formed Professional Regulation and Leadership Oversight Group (PRLOG)**

The DH press release reads as follows:

**Appointment of pharmacy regulation and leadership oversight group**

The Department of Health has announced the establishment of a Professional Regulation and Leadership Oversight Group, which will advise and work with Health Ministers on the complex programme of work to establish a new pharmacy regulator - the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC).

The establishment of the group follows recommendations made in the report of the Working Party on professional regulation and leadership in pharmacy, chaired by Lord Carter of Coles.

The Group will advise and work with Health Ministers helping to identify how leadership in the pharmacy profession can best support the GPhC, for example through the establishment of a Royal College for pharmacy.

Dawn Primarolo, Minister of State for Public Health, welcomed the Chairman of the Pharmacy Regulation and Leadership Group (PRLOG), Ken Jarrold CBE, and other members who have agreed to work with Ministers on the important and challenging work to establish the new GPhC.

She said

"I am delighted to welcome the members of PRLOG. They do not represent any specific interest or organisation - and are therefore, able to work across the broad spectrum of interested parties to help us achieve these significant changes within pharmacy. We want to make use of the tremendous range of skills and experience this group can bring to this important task.

"The practice of pharmacy is changing. It is becoming much more clinical in nature and initiatives such as prescribing of medicines by pharmacists are helping pharmacy to play its full part in a reformed NHS. This is to be welcomed.

"The GPhC will regulate pharmacy but will need support from within the pharmacy profession to help determine standards and take professional care forward in a safe manner. A body for pharmacy, similar to the Royal Colleges, might provide such support if the pharmacy profession decide that this is the best way forward. "

Ms Primarolo also welcomed Professor Peter Noyce's agreement to be a member of, and professional adviser to PRLOG, continuing his important contribution as professional advisor to Lord Carter of Coles's Working Party.

Ken Jarrold, Chair of PRLOG said

"It is a great privilege to work with all parts of the Pharmacy profession in the establishment of the General Pharmaceutical Council and in the profession's discussions about future leadership structures. Our objective will be to establish a regulatory system that serves the public, patients and the profession."

Hemant Patel, President of RPSGB said

"In our role as the professional development organisation, leadership body and regulator, the RPSGB is working to ensure that the public benefits from safe, high quality pharmaceutical services that meet modern need. It is important that both the General Pharmaceutical Council and the new professional body for pharmacists are sustainable in the long term and are based on the strengths of the Society, with our track record of successfully protecting the public and developing the pharmacy profession."

Pharmacy Regulation and Leadership Oversight Group  
Chair of the Group  
Mr Ken Jarrold CBE Director of Dearden Consulting

#### Members of the Group

Mr Raymond Anderson President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland

Ms Tracey Boyce Senior hospital pharmacist based in Northern Ireland

Ms Judith Cope Chief Pharmacist, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust and honorary senior lecturer, The School of Pharmacy, University of London

Professor Duncan Craig Head of Pharmacy and Chair in Pharmaceutics, University of East Anglia School of Chemical Sciences and Pharmacy

Mr Robert Darracott Chief Executive of the Company Chemists Association

Ms Jennifer de Val President of the British Pharmacy Students Association, and a junior hospital pharmacist

Mr Stephen Griffin Director of Personnel and Development, County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust

Professor Mayur Lakhani CBE Chairman of the Royal College of General Practitioners

Mr Christopher Martin Independent community pharmacy owner and pharmacist based in Wales

Dr Norman Morrow Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety, Northern Ireland

Professor Peter Noyce Professional adviser to the Pharmacy Regulation and Leadership Oversight Group and Professor of Pharmacy Practice, University of Manchester

Mr Hemant Patel President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Ms Fiona Price Pharmacy technician based in Cardiff, Wales

Dr Keith Ridge Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Department of Health

Mr Duncan Rudkin Chief Executive and Registrar of the General Dental Council

Professor Michael Schofield CBE Former lay member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Professor Bill Scott Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Scottish Executive Health Department

Mr James Semple Managing director of the TLC Pharmacy Group, based in Scotland.

Ms Rosie Varley OBE Acting Chairman of the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence, Chairman of the General Optical Council

Ms Carwen Wynne-Howells Chief Pharmaceutical Adviser, Welsh Assembly Government