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Introduction

Welcome to the first Joint Programmes Board (London, East & South East England) bulletin which we hope will provide you with an overview of progress so far as well as highlighting important dates and events for your calendar. We have now been operating for around 18 months, during which we have seen considerable growth in activity. However, we continue to progress whilst looking forward to the new landscape outlined in the recent pharmacy *White Paper* and to respond to the challenges facing the profession as we move into this new era.

In my many formal and informal discussions with a range of NHS pharmacy staff it is encouraging to hear strong support for the principles of this programme, whilst recognising that developing a culture of work-based learning is a challenging, yet pivotal, goal. Currently, we have over 400 students enrolled across the geography, in the partner Schools of Pharmacy, with 40 Trusts having received a successful accreditation visit.

Our dedicated Associate Directors are busy, across the geography, working with colleagues in Trusts to provide the necessary information and advice, whilst we are also investing in a range of tutor support material and training days to underpin the excellent work of both practice tutors and educational facilitators who perform the raft of performance assessments.

A school report might read: "A sound start but a need to consolidate this work to meet the future challenges". We have made a good start but there is still work to be done – we hope that you will continue to work with us in ensuring that the work environment is a rich source of learning for all our pharmacy staff.

Graham Davies - Head of Programmes.

General Level Practitioner Council

The second council meeting is due to take place on 27th August. If you have any issues you'd like raised please contact your representative (to find out who that is see our website [here](#)).

Accreditation News

JPB currently have 40 accredited Trusts, with a further 5 more in the process of accreditation. JPB have a new accreditation officer who is currently reviewing and trying to streamline the process. A system of on-going monitoring is being developed which will hopefully minimize hospital disruption at the point of re-accreditation. We are always keen to receive feedback, so if you have any comments please send to claire.oakley@pharmacy.ac.uk.

Registration

Registration for the DipGPP has now opened and the application form can be found on our website here. Registration closes on 12th September 2008. If you experience any problems registering contact our admin team at admin@jpbsoutheast.org.

Dates For Your Diary

27 th Aug	General Level Practitioner Council meeting
3 rd Sept	Training Centre meeting
4 th Sept	Skills for Diploma Tutors Course
10 th Sept	M3 & M4 Assessments
11 th Sept	M3 & M4 Assessments
16 th Sept	M5 Assessment
17 th Sept	M5 Assessment
18 th Sept	Year 1 Induction Day
18 th Sept	Skills for Diploma Tutors Course
24 th Sept	18 Month Assessments
25 th Sept	Year 1 Induction Day
30 th Sept	12 Month Assessments
1 st Oct	12 Month Assessments
2 nd Oct	M1 Portfolio Review

Lead for Tutor Support – Barry Jubraj

Having been seconded to work with the JPB for one day a week, I've been in post for nearly nine months. My remit has been to support tutoring and facilitation in the workplace in a number of different ways. Firstly, I am here to try and help you deliver the diploma programme, by answering questions, coming up with ideas and troubleshooting. Queries should generally go first to your Associate Director, who knows your training centre best; but they will involve me for ideas and help where necessary.

Secondly, I am helping to develop tutoring and facilitation resources – here is a flavour of them:

- A series of four study afternoons (An induction for practice tutors/EFs; skills for diploma tutors; DAP leading and being a clinical examiner). By issuing certificates of attendance, we are hoping that these will be a convenient way of gaining the relevant knowledge and experience to meet competencies in the Advanced and Consultant Level Framework, which is key for example to the JPB Advanced Practice Programme
- Written resources including a future written guide to help tutors/EFs, plus other articles, for example on the nature of self-directed learning
- Maintaining a section on Blackboard (see 'Tutor information and resources') which is aimed at co-ordinating resources to support the programme that you have developed which could be shared with other centres. Please get in touch if you have anything that you could share at barry.jubraj@jpbsoutheast.org.