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REPORT SUMMARISES FIRST PHASE OF SOCIETY'S COMPETENCIES PROJECT

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain has published a report summarising the work on Phase 1 of *Competencies of the future pharmacy workforce*, a project to identify the competencies needed by pharmacists for future healthcare roles. The Society is now seeking comment and feedback on this work from a wide range of stakeholders.

The first phase of the project has involved analysis of over 70 government policy documents in health and related areas across Great Britain, to identify policy changes likely to impact on all healthcare professionals and pharmacists specifically in the next 5 to 10 years. The outcome of this analysis has been combined with the current frameworks for pharmacy undergraduate and pre-registration education and training to produce a new draft competency framework.

Eileen Neilson, the Society's head of policy development, said: "The results of the project will be fed into the Society's strategic development of pharmacy education and training, at all stages, from undergraduate to CPD. It will also have relevance for other areas of the Society's work including professional standards, practice development, revalidation, the research programme and the Code of Ethics, plus new initiatives such as workforce planning, skill mix and support worker regulation.

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“The needs of service users and the ways in which they access health services are fundamental to service and workforce planning. The approach we have taken to identify the future competence requirements of pharmacists is consistent with the government’s approach to healthcare workforce planning.”

The report of the first phase of the competencies project work is available on the Society’s website (www.rpsqb.org.uk/policy).

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