



# Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

## Board Meeting

### UPDATE ON PATIENT AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION

16 December 2019

#### **Issue/ Purpose:**

To update the Board on initial analysis of responses to the Patient and Public Engagement (PPE) consultation on how we engage and involve patients and the public in our work.

#### **Summary:**

Earlier this year the Board and CET agreed a step-change was required in the Agency's delivery of PPE. To help inform the development of a longer-term PPE strategy, we ran a formal public consultation over the summer to seek views on how we should engage and involve patients and the public in our work.

We received a high number of responses (808) and have done the initial analysis. A short summary of the interim findings is set out in the attached paper.

We are conducting a more detailed qualitative analysis of the responses which will form the basis of a report to be published on GOV.UK.

Questions for the Board to consider:

1. Does the Board have any comments it would like to make on the interim findings?
2. Are there any specific areas on which the Board would like us to focus as we start to develop the strategy?

#### **Resource implications:**

The need to adequately resource this area will continue to be considered. PPE/I is resource intensive and other peer organisations devote more significant resources to this work, including CQC, EMA, NICE and NIHR.

Work is being taken forward with HR on specifying requirements on staff training on PPE/I to enable procurement of potential training partners for the delivery of a learning programme that will support staff to engage earlier and more systematically with patients/carers and the public.

#### **EU Referendum implications:**

None

**Implications for patients and the public:**

The consultation findings have positive implications for patients and the public in that we aim to ensure their greater involvement in the agency's work. We will provide an opportunity for patients (and other stakeholders) to comment on the draft strategy.

**Timings:**

This consultation is part of the agency's two-year PPE Delivery Plan being implemented from March 2019.

The formal agency report of the consultation will be published in January 2020 once approved by CET and the Board.

Longer-term PPE/I strategy is being developed for discussion at CET and the Board early in 2020. We envisage a further short consultation on the draft PPE/I strategy in early 2020 (aiming for February).

**Action required by Board:**

The Board is asked to note the initial findings. In addition, there are some questions which the Board will wish to consider:

1. Does the Board have any comments it would like to make on the interim findings?
2. Are there any specific areas on which the Board would like us to focus as we start to develop the strategy?

**Links:** N/A

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**Which of the themes in the Corporate Plan 2018/2023 does the paper support?**

Cross-cutting across all themes.

**If relevant, which Business Plan strategic activity does it support?**

Cross-cutting across all activities of the Business Plan

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