

A guide to the Society's national pharmacy boards

Following the completion of the elections to the Society's national pharmacy boards (see p81), the boards come into being officially at 12.01am on 21 January, replacing the Scottish and Welsh executives and introducing an English body into the Society for the first time.

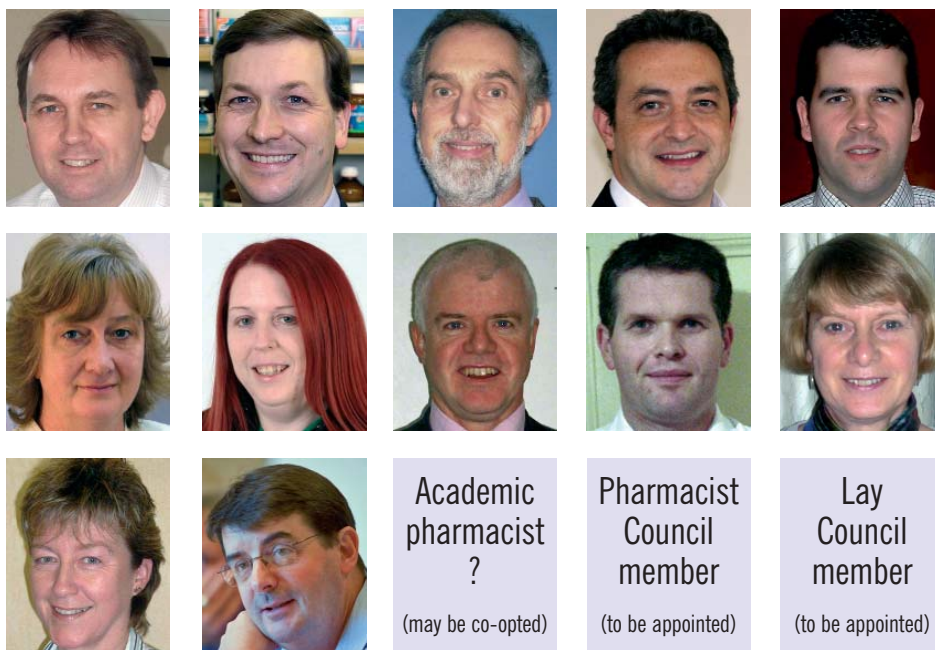
Each board will begin life with 12 members, although the full complement of the English board should be 15. It should consist of six pharmacists elected to unreserved places, five pharmacists elected to reserved sectoral places (community, hospital, industry, academia and primary care/public health), one elected pharmacy technician, the pharmacist elected to the Council to represent the constituency of England, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands (Jonathan Buisson), plus one further pharmacist Council member and one lay Council member, both appointed by the Council. The board will begin its life three short of the full number because there was no candidate for the academic sectoral place and the Council decided not to make the two appointments from among its own number until after the elected places had been filled. At its first meeting, the board will decide whether to co-opt an academic pharmacist.

The Scottish and Welsh boards will essentially consist of their 12 elected members but will have power to co-opt. The President and Vice-President will be ex officio members of all three boards. In Scotland and Wales, the pharmacist Council member elected in the national constituency will be an ex officio member of the board, as will a lay Council member resident in the country (or a Council nominee).

The newly elected members of each board will first get together at an induction day, held on 24 January for the Scottish board, 25 January for the Welsh board and 30 January for the English board.

Each board is scheduled to hold its first formal meeting during February, with three further meetings during 2007. The dates are as follows: England, 22 February, 13 April, 18 July and 17 October; Scotland, 21 February, 18 April, 13 June and 24 October; Wales, 6 February, 26 April, 5 July and 11 October.

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English Pharmacy Board: top, L-R, Paul Bennett, Jonathan Buisson, Brian Curwain, Sid Dajani, Richard Daniszewski; centre, L-R, Lindsey Gilpin, Rachael Lemon, David Miller, Christopher Morris, Beth Taylor; bottom, L-R, Gail Thomas, Steve Wicks



Scottish Pharmacy Board: top row, left to right, Ewan Black, Christine Bond, George Downie, Alistair Jack, Howard McNulty, Sandra Melville; bottom row, left to right, Frank Owens, Rose Marie Parr, Derek Stewart, Charles Tait, William Templeton, Angela Timoney



Welsh Pharmacy Board: top row, left to right, Alan Crabbe, Mair Davies, Marc Donovan, Jodine Evans, Richard Evans, Diane Heath; bottom row, left to right, Carwyn Jones, Peter Jones, Rowena McArtney, Phillip Parry, Fiona Price, David Temple