

APPENDIX D

Industry Working Group terms of reference

Aims

The South London Cardiac and Stroke Network's (SLCSN) Industry Working Group (IWG) was created in 2006 and serves as a link between industry and NHS organisations to promote an open and proactive, positive and synergistic way of working together which will ultimately benefit health services to local people.

The Department of Health (DH) supports this joint working, as the NHS and industry 'share a common agenda to improve patient care outcomes through high quality and cost effective treatment and management'⁵. To this end, the DH has published resources for best practice, including a [comprehensive toolkit](#) (co-authored by the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industries) and [best practice guidance](#) for working with industry.

Objectives

1. To bring together representatives from the industry and the SLCSN to explore joint working opportunities for the benefit of the South London population
2. For all parties to have the opportunity to share information about current priorities and relevant work streams in order to promote a more collaborative approach in tackling cardiovascular healthcare issues in South London
3. To share advice, skills, resources and knowledge in order to develop innovative partnerships and collaborative projects
4. To share best practice on successful joint working initiatives through round table discussion and publication where appropriate

Membership

- SLCSN
- Representatives from industry

The IWG will co-opt other members as appropriate to the agenda / workplan. Guests or observers may also be invited to attend meetings. All proposals for co-options or guest attendance will be made through the chair and agreed by the membership.

The IWG will also develop links with general medicine to facilitate joint working, particularly for those patients with co-morbidities such as diabetes, kidney and peripheral vascular disease.

Meetings

Meetings will take place quarterly (more frequently, as required) at a time and venue agreed by the members. Administrative support will be provided by the SLCSN.

⁵ [Moving beyond sponsorship: Interactive toolkit for working between the NHS and pharmaceutical industry](#), Department of Health/Association of British Pharmaceutical Industries, August 2010

Accountability

The IWG will be co-chaired by the Network Lead Pharmacist for CVD and a nominated co-chair from the industry representatives.

The position of co-chair will rotate amongst industry representatives every 12 months.

Workplan

The workplan of the IWG will be aligned with the priorities of the SLCSN.

Links

The IWG will maintain links with:

- SLCSN Cardiac Prescribing Forum
- SLCSN Pharmacy Working Group
- Local formulary committees
- SLCSN workstreams
- Other cardiac and stroke networks
- Pan-London Stroke Pharmacists Group
- Pan-London Interventional Cardiology Pharmacists Group
- Others as appropriate

Outcomes

- Delivery of successful joint working projects that improve patient experience and health outcomes in line with national guidance (e.g. NICE)
- Increase the reputation of both the SLCSN as well as industry
- Deliver projects and collect lessons that might be replicated across other NHS organizations

Outputs

The IWG will:

- Agree terms of reference, membership and workplan
- Hold meetings on a regular basis bringing together a broad membership
- Seek issues in cardiovascular prescribing from relevant stakeholders
- Identify new opportunities for collaborative working between the industry and the SLCSN which benefit local patients
- Produce minutes of meetings to be circulated to members, key links and the SLCSN clinical reference groups
- Produce reports of any joint working initiative undertaken
- Produce recommendations to the SLCSN
- Produce information and support clinicians in implementing clinical and cost effective prescribing.
- Support the implementation of network guidelines through supporting educational programmes for healthcare professionals within the sector

Review

The IWG will annually review its terms of reference, membership and workplan.

Agreed at meeting: 11th May 2011

Review date: **April 2013**