



# COMMONWEALTH PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

## December News Update

### *World Antibiotic Awareness Week Highlights*



A huge thanks to all the contributors to our campaign this year and to our adviser Dr Diane Ashiru-Oredope for all her support. In particular thanks to those that sent in videos - it was truly inspiring to see the work you are doing in your own countries. Keep up the good work!

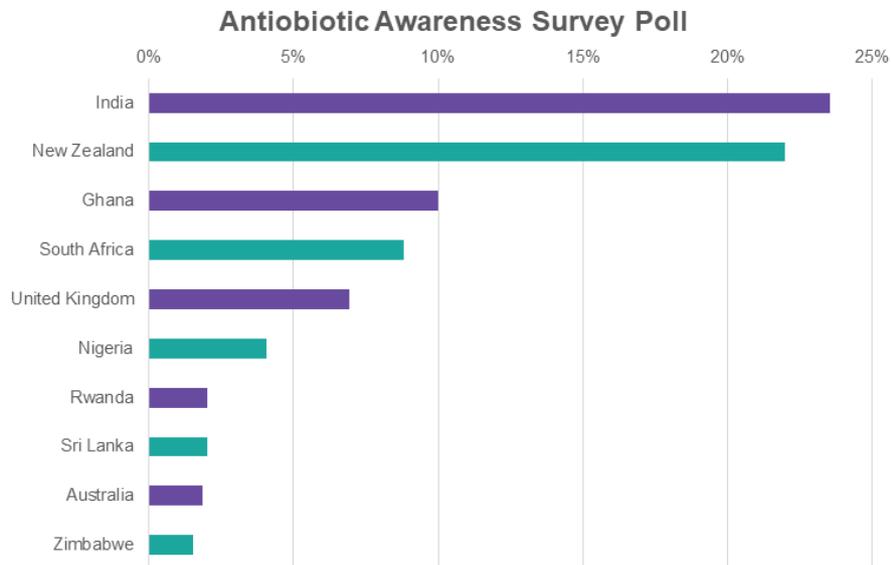
You can view the videos on our website here...

#### AMR Videos

...and there is still time to answer the survey which will help us shape our training moving forward. We'll close the survey at the end of December. There

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## AMR Survey

Please encourage your colleagues, family and friends to complete the survey too. We are particularly interested in increasing responses from pharmacy technicians and students.

## PharmAid

Thanks to all those that contributed to our PharmAid survey. We had a staggering 400+ responses. Your feedback will help us to apply for funding to support the scheme in 2018. For the many of you asking about donating books, we are currently working up our plans and time-frame for 2018, with a collection likely in the 1st quarter. If you would like to be on our mailing list to receive updates about this, please email: [pharmaid@commonwealthpharmacy.org](mailto:pharmaid@commonwealthpharmacy.org)

## ***Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting***

Taking place 16-18 April between London and Windsor, 2018 CHOGM will focus on four main themes:

- Prosperity: boosting intra-Commonwealth trade and investment

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- Fairness: promoting democracy, fundamental freedoms and good governance across the Commonwealth
- Sustainability: building the resilience of small and vulnerable states to deal with the effects of climate change and other global crises

The CPA are working with other Civil Society organisations to ensure health, issues relating to better use of medicines and investment in the pharmacy workforce are woven into these themes. We are currently contributing to all four advocacy papers on the themes for CHOGM above and an extra paper on the value of partnerships.

Prior to the event the People's Forum is hosted to bring to the forefront issues that Civil Society would want to highlight. The CPA is working with the Commonwealth Health Professionals Alliance (CHPA) on the health agenda for this meeting. If you would like to consider joining us for this event register your interest here.

[People's Forum Registration](#)

## Events

### *Tropical Health Education Trust (THET) Conference*

The CPA's Executive Director Victoria Rutter, and advisers Sarah Cavanagh and Trudi Hilton, attended the THET conference in London, 23rd to 25th October. It was a great chance to network with like-minded healthcare professionals and be inspired (and actually totally blown away!) by the partnerships with lower middle income countries that they had been involved in.

We will be growing our links with THET in the coming months and working towards setting up opportunities for pharmacists and pharmacy techs to be involved in the THET health partnerships scheme, which has been very successful in providing sustainable training of healthcare professionals in lower middle income countries - watch this space for more news!

### *Fourth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health*

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Global Health Adviser and Trustee, Oksana Pyzik, represented the CPA at the Fourth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, 13th to 17th November, where the central focus was on building a health workforce of the future.

Pharmacists and pharmacy staff play a key role in the global healthcare workforce but are often under represented at the high-level policy setting. As such, Oksana advocated for the presence and wider recognition of pharmacists in the discussions held by high-impact decision-makers, leaders, and investors.

Oksana also promoted CPA activities around falsified medicines and antimicrobial resistance, and worked to further intersectoral collaborations with delegates at the high-level plenaries and side sessions.

[Read more about the forum and it's outcome statements 'The Dublin Declaration' here](#)

### *Pakistan Pharmaceutical Association Seminar*

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The Pharmacist's Association of Pakistan (PPA) organised an evening seminar in Lahore, where CPA Adviser Nadia Bukhari was invited as the guest speaker. Approximately 100 pharmacists attended the talk on Pharmacy practice in the UK and the role and benefits of being members of the CPA.

Nadia then opened the floor to the delegates and posed the question “How can we at the CPA help you?”. This was followed with a very lively and interactive exchange from which the following key themes emerged:

1. Support with advocacy and a campaign for the role of the pharmacist to the public and other health care professionals
2. Upskilling the work force via
  - Continuing professional development
  - Online courses/ modules
  - Consultation skills with patients
  - Incorporating new pharmacy services such as Medication Use Reviews and health checks

Nadia also met with the Vice President of the Federal Pharmacy Council, Dr A Q Javed in Islamabad. He declared the need for every pharmacist in Pakistan to become CPA members, starting with the Pharmacy council themselves. In addition, Dr Javed was keen on making CPD mandatory for pharmacists in Pakistan with the help, support and leadership of the CPA.

Nadia is very keen to drive and lead on this project and has brought together a team of equally keen and highly motivated leaders to drive the above asks from Pakistan and make it happen. 2018 will be a very busy and stimulating year indeed!

*Royal Pharmaceutical Society Winter Summit 2017*

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We see research as an essential component of driving change and advocating of the profession in the Commonwealth, so this was an exciting opportunity to gather support from the experts!

## What's coming up...

### Future Events For Your Calendar

#### *East of England Global Health Network Conference*

The CPA's Executive Director Victoria Rutter, and Adviser Sarah Cavanagh, are involved in planning this programme - a great example of a hospital trust that engages actively with global health work. The conference will highlight the 2 way benefits to supporting staff on overseas placements and we hope will encourage other employers to also take a sympathetic approach.

[Find out more about the event and register for a ticket here.](#)

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#### *FIP2018 Glasgow*

We are very excited to see FIP coming to the UK and are offering our full support to the RPS, who are hosting this event. We are working up a collaborative relationship with FIP, focused on the WDGs and will be supporting this at FIP2018 in Glasgow.

We'd love to meet with our members there and are scoping out the possibilities!

If you are coming to Glasgow and would be interesting in meeting us to learn more

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