

The Pharmaceutical Trust for Educational and Charitable Objects

Mr Mike Holden
Chief Executive
NPA

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Dear Mike,

PTECO Research Priority Setting

The Pharmaceutical Trust for Educational and Charitable Objects (PTECO) is an independent charity founded by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Our primary aim is to support the production of timely evidence that informs policy and practice relating to pharmacy's contribution to the health and wellbeing of the public.

We currently have a number of short-term funding priorities and, to date, have funded several research projects - the outputs from which will emerge in the coming months (see enclosed document for more information).

We are now looking to review our research funding priorities and are seeking soundings from our stakeholders; those who utilise the evidence generated to effect change. I am therefore writing to you as one of our key stakeholders to understand where you feel we should focus our future funding.

The trustees of PTECO would like to invite you to submit up to three priorities that you believe require further understanding through research, together with a short supporting rationale (no more than two paragraphs per priority). The only limitations are that the topics proposed should sit under our overarching theme of "Effectiveness of pharmacy in Great Britain" and should address issues that seek to influence a short-medium term pharmacy practice/policy area. Further details about our current priorities and ways of working are available from our website www.pteco.org.uk

The deadline for receipt of submissions is the 27th April. We will be reviewing them at our Board meeting on 9th May. Please email your suggestions to enquiries@pteco.org. The new priorities will be launched in time for our next funding round in July-September 2012.

I hope you will take this opportunity to work with us and if you would like to discuss our invitation in more detail, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Churton
Chair, PTECO

Enc: Summary of Current Research Priorities and Projects Funded (to date).