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SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

Topic Groups: lessons learnt and way forward

PCWP/HCPWP joint meeting

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Where did
we start?

The Beginning

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- **Work plan 2014** – reflect on **current practices**
- **Satisfaction survey 2015** and **feedback from PCWP / HCPWP co-chairs** – majority of interaction occurs during plenary meetings
 - Dense agendas; not all members can participate systematically or provide input; long periods without face-to-face meetings; some topics need in-depth discussion whilst others require more immediate input
- **March 2015** – agreed on **new working methods** to enhance collaboration outside of plenary meetings and optimise utilisation of time during meetings
 - **Establish topic groups on areas of common interest** to be brainstormed in smaller groups between the plenary meetings (mainly through TCs and email correspondence)

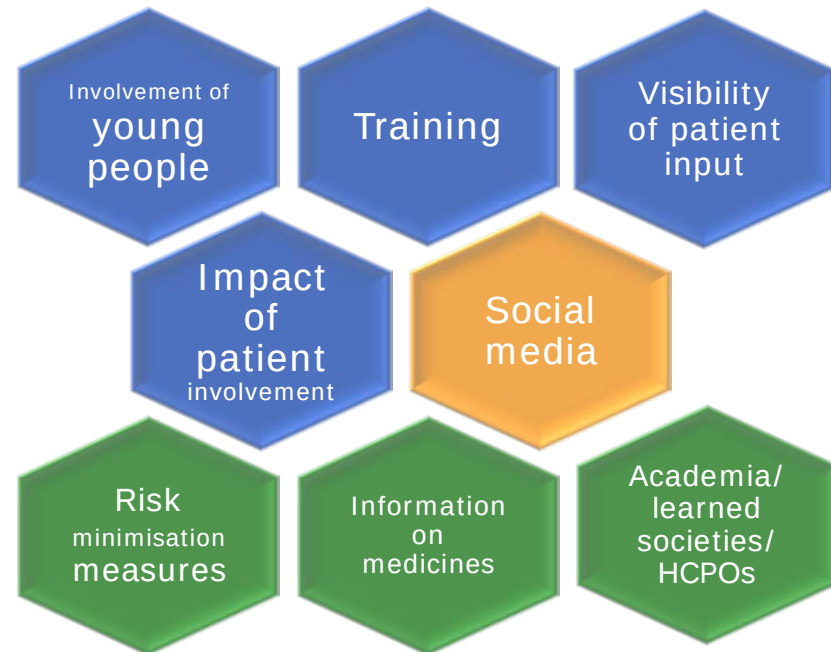


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Our journey since March 2015



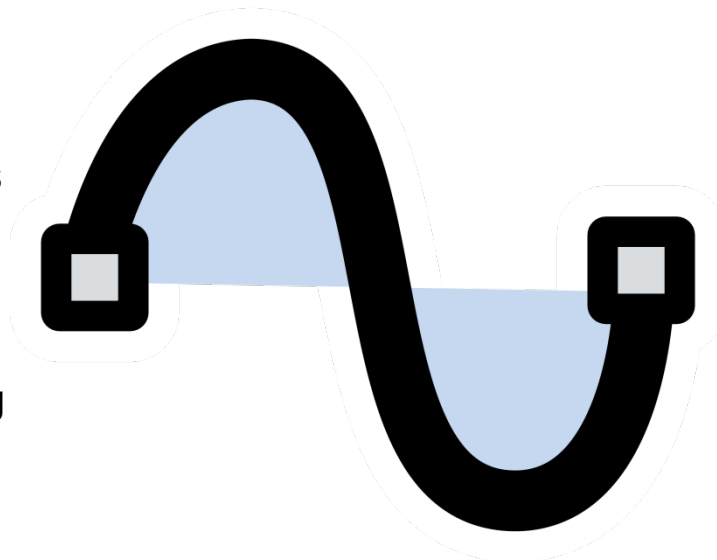
- 8 topic groups (4 PCWP, 3 HCPWP, 1 joint)
- 75 nominations
 - 32 patients/consumers
 - 24 healthcare professionals
 - 19 expressed interest in more than one topic group
- 18 EMA staff involved
- 84% participation in at least one TC
 - 61% participation in two TCs
- 20 TCs in 2015
 - 112 cases of interaction/ 10% of annual interaction
- 14 TCs in 2016
 - 75 cases of interaction/ 6.4% of annual interaction



Our journey since March 2015 (cont.)

Ups

Participation beyond WP members (both in terms of organisations and individuals within WP member organisations); rich discussions; sharing and learning; WP members taking leadership



Downs

Technical issues with TCs; survey fatigue; difficulties with topic group members availability; work overload for members participating in different topic groups

- **Jun 2015** – Revision process of framework of **interaction with healthcare professionals and** development of a framework of **collaboration with academia**
- **Nov 2015** – Restructuring of annual **training** day for patients, updating EMA dedicated webpages and creation of EMA basics
- **Nov 2015** – Plan to improve **acknowledgement and promotion of patient input** into EMA activities by EMA and by organisations
- **Mar 2016** – Session on information and communication; infographic on EMA public sources of **information for healthcare professionals**



- **Sep 2016** – Workshop on **social media**; useful input to EMA social media strategy
- **Sep 2016** – Mapping of youth groups across Europe and principles for **involvement of young people** in EMA activities
- **Nov 2016** – Revision of Scientific Advice questionnaire to analyse **patient input/value**
- **Dec 2016** – Workshop on measuring impact of pharmacovigilance – attention to early **involvement of HCPs in risk minimisation measures**



Where do we stand today?

Today
Makes
Tomorrow





Learnings

- Explore synergies with other existing structures/ activities within EMA to avoid duplication
- Not all topics of interests may be suitable for a 'topic group' model
- Well defined tasks for well defined period of time
- Continued commitment



Where do we stand today?

PCWP/HCPWP work plans 2017

- Ongoing topics
 - Involvement of young people – existing topic group remains active
- Revised topics
 - Digital media and health (former social media) – topic group to be (re)launched after 15 March
- New topics
 - Biosimilars – topic group already established
 - Personalised medicine – ‘topic group’ model to be considered following workshop of 14 March

Where do we stand today? (cont.)

New proposals by members of WPs

- Older people and geriatric medicines
 - involvement in the CHMP Geriatrics Expert Group
- Safe medicines use in pregnancy and lactation
 - involvement in guideline development and dedicated workshops in 2017
- Compassionate use programmes
- Pharmacovigilance
- Synergies between regulators and HTA
- EMA qualification procedures





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Next steps



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- Final report as stand alone document to be published together with annual report 2016
- Follow up of recommendations – implementation plan
- Proposed topics by WP members to be further discussed during June 2017 plenary meetings taking into account longer-term vision for 2018-19



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