

My personal experience of PBSGL

Robyn Kerr (Pharmacist)

I am Robyn Kerr, I have been qualified for six years and I am a General Practice Clinical Pharmacist (GPCP) in NHS Lanarkshire. One of my colleagues suggested setting up a PBSGL group and a number of us thought that this would be a good idea. We felt we could support each other with our CPD and the development of the GPCP role in general. We also felt that this would be a good way to share practice between colleagues that we don't see very often.

Our team has split into two PBSGL groups of approximately 8 members each. We tend to meet every couple of months, over coffee, at a venue that is accessible for everyone after work. The group conversations are very helpful for building relationships within our team, and debating processes and clinical options/management plans.

In addition to this, I was invited to join an existing GP group by one of the senior GP partners that I work closely with. This group meets about 10 times a year (we tend to skip July and December) and each GP practice takes a turn to host the meeting. I find attending this group very beneficial to postgraduate education - I have recently completed my Independent Prescribing qualification and it has been very useful to debate short cases with other prescribers and to develop my knowledge in terms of clinical skills, differential diagnosis, consultation style, practice policies etc.

I have found being a member of these groups really valuable for developing the role of the pharmacist in primary care and also for my own development to make a greater contribution to inter-professional working and patient care. I would recommend PBGSL to all other pharmacists and I encourage them to ask the NES team for information if they are interested to learn more.

