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The community pharmacy network is integral to the delivery of any process which is implemented to deliver high quality pharmacists of the future.

We sat on the initial advisory group on this development, and would expect to be part of any working groups tasked with making the concept of an integrated five-year degree a reality.

Our Board will contribute their combined expertise and experience through the appropriate channels when all of the associated issues such as experiential learning, funding, student numbers and governance are being considered.

In the interim, we believe that the importance of ensuring that transitional arrangements which provide clarity for all stakeholders and ultimately continue to deliver registrants to the current high standard cannot be overstated.

It is in the best interests of our network, prospective students and the public that any changes which may affect student experience or outcomes are appropriately managed, and we will play a part in ensuring that this is the case.