

## **HPRA Patient Forum Meeting Record**

Tuesday 7 June 2022, Hybrid meeting (HPRA offices & Microsoft Teams)

Chair: Dr. Lorraine Nolan

### **1 Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair welcomed all forum members to the meeting and invited a new member to provide a brief introduction.

### **2 Declarations of Interest (DoI)**

There were no Dols declared.

### **3 Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **4 Record of the last meeting and matters arising**

The record for the meeting of 1 March 2022 was agreed and members were informed of the plan to publish the record on the HPRA website. Matters arising were discussed, and members were updated that the policy on declaration of interests was final and of the arrangements in relation to expenses.

### **5 Update on HPRA employee training module & patient speaker program**

Members were again thanked for the valuable feedback given at the last forum meeting in relation to this work plan topic. Members were informed that two volunteers had been identified to record patient advocate story videos, with a suitable date to be arranged. In relation to the patient speaker programme, it was proposed that a pilot session would be organised to further inform the best approach. A potential topic for the pilot was agreed by the members and additional volunteers were sought to form a panel to participate in the pilot session.

## **6 Workplan 2022: Adverse experiences associated with medicines/medical devices and reporting to the HPRA**

A presentation was given on reporting of adverse experiences associated with medicines/medical devices to the HPRA, including a summary of initial feedback provided by members pre-meeting on the level of public awareness and potential barriers to reporting, as well as options for collaboration. Members further discussed the topic in breakout groups and the additional feedback given was particularly insightful and valuable. Common themes from the discussion included the important role of the health care professional, the need to raise awareness around not only how to report but also why it is important to do so, as well as a range of potential options for collaboration. The HPRA proposal to provide explanatory 'signposting' text for use by advocates and patient organisations was agreed, as was the proposal to continue collaboration during the WHO medication safety week. The HPRA thanked members for their valuable feedback and noted it would follow up on collaboration proposals further.

## **7 Review of Workplan for 2022**

Members reviewed the workplan for 2022. The HPRA provided an update on progress to date. A member proposed an additional topic for inclusion, concerning patient leaflets and their readability. It was agreed this topic would be included as an agenda item for a future meeting.