

## HPRA Patient Forum Meeting Record

Tuesday 28th March 2023, Hybrid meeting (HPRA offices & Microsoft Teams)

Chair: Dr. Paula Kilbane

### **1 Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

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

There were no DoI's declared.

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

The agenda was adopted.

### **4 Record of the last meeting**

The record of the meeting held on 13 December 2022 was agreed.

### **5 Matters arising/issues of interest**

Members were informed that the workplan for 2023 was now finalised and scheduled for publication on the HPRA website. All other matters arising were addressed during discussions under each agenda item.

### **6 Shortages, perspectives of forum members on recent coverage**

HPRA provided forum members with an update on the status of medicine shortages that recently received attention in national media, in addition

to briefings provided by the HPRA to patient organisations and representative groups. Forum members and HPRA staff discussed the complex nature of medicine supply chains and approaches to prevent and mitigate the effect of shortages on patients. Forum members also provided valuable feedback on potential approaches to communicate more broadly the multistakeholder nature of HPRA's role in managing medicine shortages.

## **7 Patient forum: annual report**

The HPRA provided an overview of the proposed annual report for 2022, including key observations and learnings, and opportunities for development. The impact and benefit of forum activities to the HPRA were noted and members were thanked for their contributions. The results from an online survey of the perspectives of members on the forum were presented, and feedback was very positive. The annual report will be published on the HPRA website.

## **8 HPRA culture & values**

HPRA staff provided forum members with a status update on the development of a new corporate induction module on the HPRA's patient focused value. Members were informed that the module is due for release by the end of May. Members were also informed that a patient speaker event on patient public involvement is planned for HPRA staff in early June.

## **9 Reporting suspected safety issues: notice for patient organisation/advocate website's**

This topic was deferred to the June 2023 meeting due to time.