## Celebrating pharmacy profession contribution during the COVID-19 pandemic:

## #Pharmacy24

## **Briefing document**

#Pharmacy24 has been an annual international twitter event to celebrate the breadth and diversity of pharmacy, on the busiest day of the pharmacy calendar usually during the day before the Easter holidays. This year, #Pharmacy24 is making a comeback!

Following a year where the COVID19 pandemic has challenged us all, the aims for this year's event is to showcase and highlight the contributions that pharmacy teams have made and continue to make in response to the pandemic and the diversity within our profession. This could include examples of care you provide, how the pandemic has changed your practice, the way care is now being delivering to patients and examples of our contributions to the covid19 vaccination programme.

#Pharmacy24 is open to everyone in pharmacy, and to all sectors: pharmacy professionals, provisional registration pharmacists, pre-registration pharmacists, pharmacy students, pharmacy teams, researchers, academia and above all open to the public. This is pharmacy; where we invest our discretionary effort to go far beyond the minimum required to support patients and give purpose to our work. In the year of the one of the biggest health challenges known in history, help celebrate the contribution of pharmacy in keeping the public safe.

The last time we ran Pharmacy 24, the tweets on #pharmacy24 generated 21,000,000+ impressions and was the number one trending topic for most of the day.

After the event last year many supportive messages from students, pharmacy professionals and members of the public were posted. For some this helped them see the breadth of opportunities within pharmacy that they had not recognised previously.

"Thank you for creating #pharmacy24. Such a great social media event for pharmacy!"

The passion, purpose and diversity showcased by #pharmacy24 demonstrates that notwithstanding the significant disruptive effects of the pandemic faced by all professions and industries, pharmacy can rise to the challenge and continue to provide great care.

This year there is a theme for #Pharmacy24, the theme is pharmacy in a pandemic and diversity within the profession:

- The diversity of pharmacy's contributions to the COVID-19 pandemic response
- The diversity of the pharmacy workforce,
- The diversity of roles
- The diversity of the population we serve,
- The diversity of careers,

## How to get involved and working together

We want #Pharmacy24 reach to be even greater than previous years! To do this, we want to work together with everyone to get behind this social media event.

We would like you to:

- Let us know if you would like to be involved this year
- Share the date with your networks and on <u>all your social media platforms (e.g.</u> <u>Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn etc)</u>
- Prepare key messages and tweets in advance
- Prepare videos and events that broadcast on the day on all social media platforms
- Use the day to promote you and your teams work

Why not get involved this year! The date for #Pharmacy24 is currently set for <u>Wednesday</u>  $7^{TH}$  April 2021.

Promote pharmacy across all social media platforms using the hashtag #pharmacy24

Logo images for you to use if you wish:



