

Paul Cooper



Why did you decide to become a CPNI Board member?

I was petitioned to join the Board of CPNI, formerly known as Board of the Pharmaceutical Contractors Committee (PCC), and was successfully elected in 2006. With several years' experience as a Contractor and through my position as a member of the UCA Executive, I felt I could make a valuable contribution towards the development of the profession.

Which areas do you represent?

I represent the Belfast/South Eastern LCG area

Do you have any pharmacy specialist interests?

With two children qualified as pharmacists, I would like to impart into their capable hands a pharmacy which utilises and develops both their skills as pharmacists and supports the needs of the patient. This drives me to have a particular interest in the contractual aspect of community pharmacy as it is important to have a framework in place to facilitate this.

Identifying and addressing the healthcare needs of the local community is also of interest. I enjoy having a rapport with patients and feel community pharmacy plays, and can indeed play, an increasingly important role in ensuring patients have access to expert health care provision which will deliver improved healthcare outcomes.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Family, sport and travel are three things that I like to enjoy in my spare time. I am married with six children and thankfully they also share my love of sport, as two of my daughters play representative ladies football. I have a keen interest in GAA, but also enjoy rugby and soccer. I have also been known to attend a session or two of test match cricket. As my children are growing up and becoming more independent, I appreciate the opportunity to travel to far-off destinations and have done so extensively over the past number of years.

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