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Collaborating for better care

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It is our pleasure to publish the abstracts presented at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) Annual Conference 2023 in this supplemental issue of the International Journal of Pharmacy Practice. The main conference entitled 'Working Together: Empowering the Workforce to Transform Patient Care' was held both online and in person at etc.venues, London on 10 November 2023.

Now reestablishing itself as an annual event, the conference was host to a full day of discussions centred on the topic of collaboration, from working with partners who are patients, to the wider healthcare team, to global associates, and of course to industry and within research. The keynote presentation was delivered by Professor John Amaechi OBE, the organisational psychologist and Founder of APS Intelligence, and Professor of Leadership at the University of Exeter Business School. The conference also included a panel discussion with all four of the United Kingdom's Chief Pharmaceutical Officers, namely David Webb (England), Alison Strath (Scotland), Andrew Evans (Wales), and Cathy Harrison (Northern Ireland). The event, as might be expected, included a multitude of research and innovation presentations, as posters and orally, with many of the works published as abstracts herewith.

These were presented in line with the conference themes listed here in full:

- Working with Patients as Partners

- Working with the Wider Pharmacy and Multidisciplinary Team
- Collaborating with Global Partners
- Collaborating with Industry and Research Partners

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