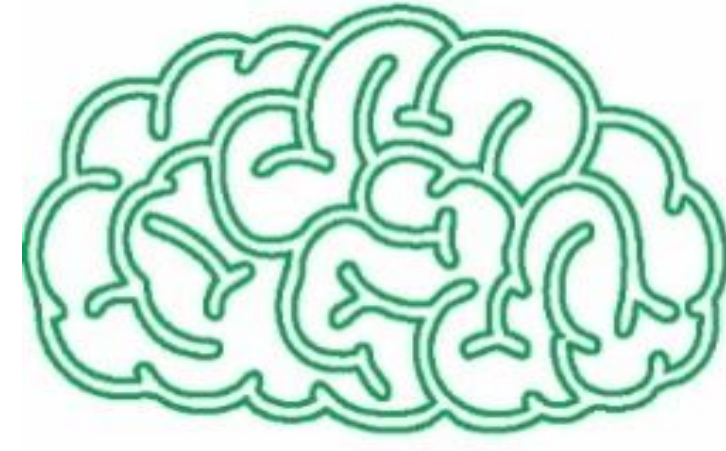


Formation and Development of the

Our Mission Statement

"Improving the lives of people with Parkinson's by enabling and inspiring pharmacy teams to play an active role in Parkinson's management across all clinical settings"



PDSPN

Parkinson's Disease Specialist Pharmacy Network



UK PARKINSON'S
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Awards
28 Oct 2021

Our Aims

- Provide a National Network for Pharmacists and Pharmacy technicians
- Develop, signpost and contribute to training and education of the Pharmacy team
- Strive to improve the patient experience as the Pharmacy team are often the first point of contact
- Promote the profile and awareness of the Pharmacy team in the management of Parkinson's
- National regular educational conferences for Pharmacists and their teams

get it ontime

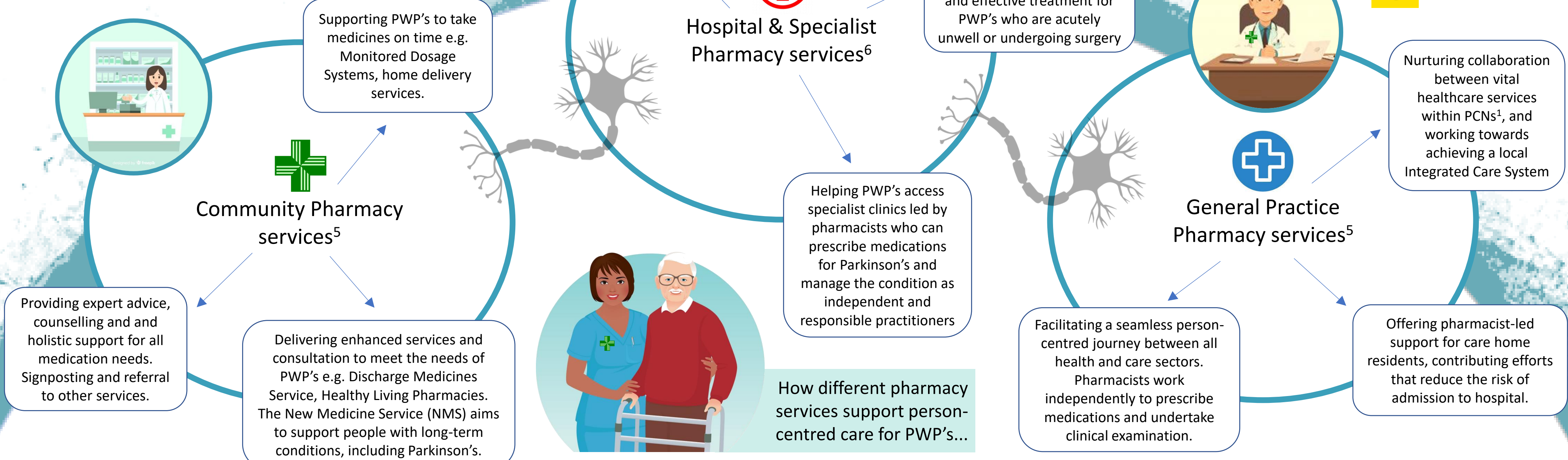
Supporting the Parkinson's UK 'Get it on time' campaign³ by working closely with PWP's, carers, nurses and doctors. Facilitating self-administration of medication in hospital.



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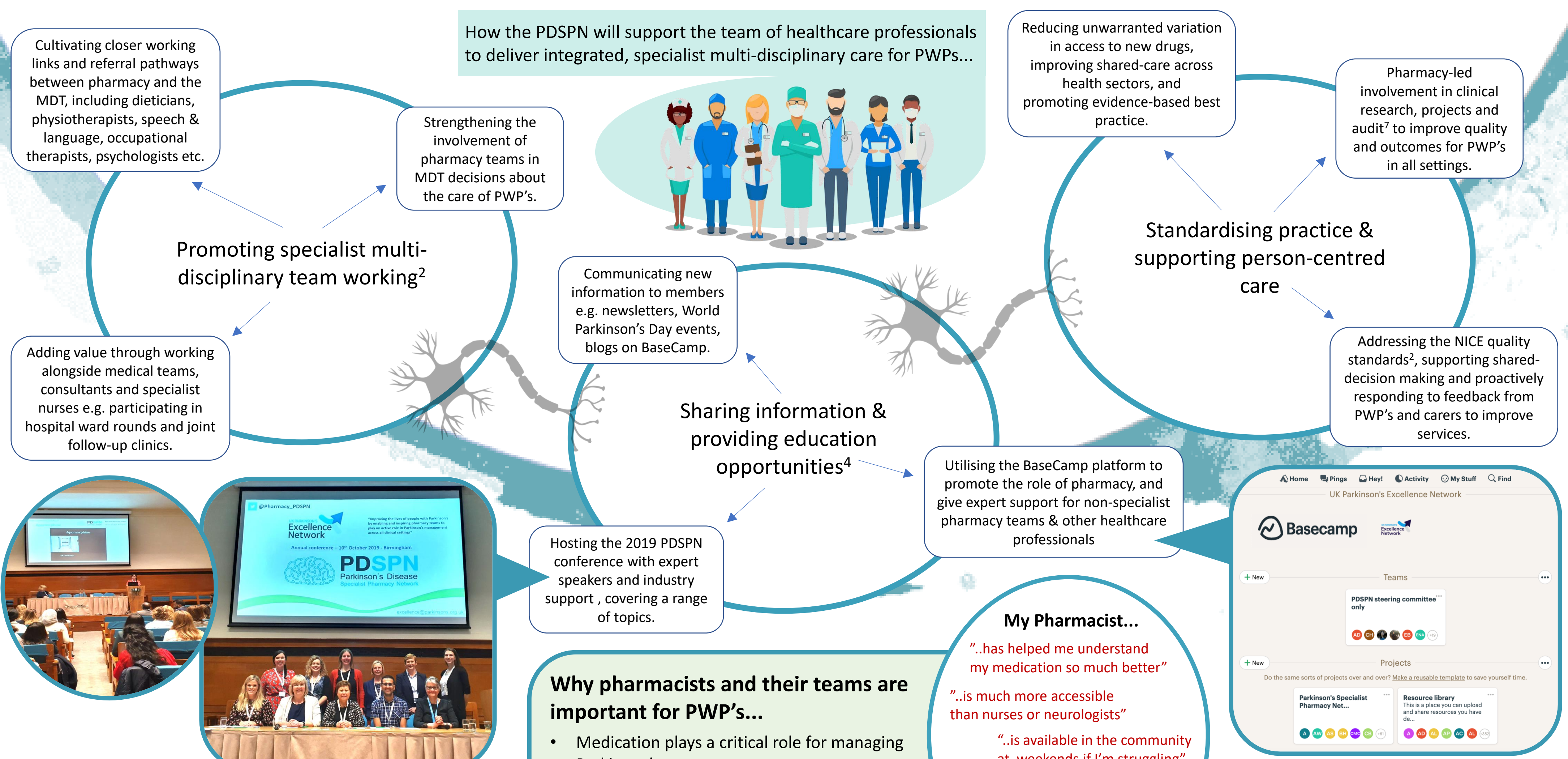


Abstract

Objectives
We formed the Parkinson's Disease Specialist Pharmacy Network (PDSPN) in October 2018 to upskill pharmacists and their teams, in the management of Parkinson's. This is particularly important because pharmacists are frequently the first point of contact for people with Parkinson's (PWP's) and medication is often complex and of paramount importance to them. In 2019, several areas of improvement that could assist management of Parkinson's were identified by a Parkinson's UK Audit Report. The work of the PDSPN aims to facilitate improvements in these areas: specialised multi-disciplinary team working; standardised practices; communication and information sharing via the Parkinson's UK online forum known as BaseCamp; medicines management and supporting the workforce to ensure they are well trained in the provision of care. As pharmacists we aim to improve medicines management and support for PWP's by upskilling all professions involved in their care.

Intervention
In 2018 Janine Barnes formed and currently chairs the PDSPN Steering Committee with other highly experienced pharmacists and we have PWP's representation too. The committee meets regularly, to oversee the running of the network and formulate our plans to host regular conferences. Since our first conference in October 2019 we have grown to 270 members across the UK. Our initial conference had excellent delegate feed-back, with the presentation from the PWP's being particularly well received and very powerful. We send regular newsletters and held a Parkinson's quiz for World Parkinson's Day on April 11th 2021, which was very popular.

Outcomes & Next Steps
We are now working on the format of our next conference to be held early in 2022. Our inaugural conference was dedicated predominantly to pharmacists and their teams, and we also had representation from PWP's. We are now planning to include other healthcare professionals so that education about Parkinson's can be shared more widely amongst all the professions that are involved in the care of PWP's. We also plan to host workshops and interaction sessions within the conference. Our next conference will incorporate sessions on the new primary care networks¹ (PCN) and education for the new roles that pharmacists and physiotherapists are taking to improve best practice. Opening the conference up to other professions will also be helpful for specialised multidisciplinary team working. The PDSPN plans to support educational materials to help pharmacists and other professionals post prescribing qualifications. Our intention is to share education and increase understanding regarding Parkinson's medicines management amongst other healthcare professionals involved in the care of PWP's to improve multidisciplinary team working² and professional relationships in the care of PWP's.



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Why pharmacists and their teams are important for PWP's...

- Medication plays a critical role for managing Parkinson's symptoms
- Pharmacists are experts in the use and optimisation of medications
- Pharmacists are one of the most accessible healthcare professionals

What do PWP's think of pharmacists?

"...has helped me understand my medication so much better"
"...is much more accessible than nurses or neurologists"
"...is available in the community at weekends if I'm struggling"
"...should be part of every Parkinson's team"
"... is very knowledgeable about medication"

What's in the pipeline...

Delivering the next PDSPN conference (March 2022)
Supporting development of online training modules
Upskilling community pharmacists for NMS, and also GP and PCN pharmacists for general Parkinson's care
Q&A service and specialist advice via BaseCamp
Recruiting GP pharmacist to our steering committee