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TRUST ANNOUNCES PRACTICE RESEARCH AWARD WINNER

Dr Margaret Watson has been announced winner of the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust's (the Trust) prestigious 2008 Practice Research Award. The award will be presented at the British Pharmaceutical Conference (BPC) 2008, on Tuesday 9 September, where Dr Watson will deliver a 30 minute lecture on her award-winning research.

The Trust's Practice Research Award is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of pharmacy practice research and has the potential to become a leader in their field. Dr Watson, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Aberdeen and Public Health Pharmacist for NHS Grampian, will receive the award in recognition of her work into the safe and effective supply and use of non-prescription medicines.

Dr Watson said:

"I was delighted to be told that I had won the 2008 award. I have spent the past 14 years undertaking health services research and pharmacy practice research, the results of which I hope have and will help to inform future pharmacy practice and the safe and effective use of non-prescription medicines. I feel that this award recognises the contribution that my work, in collaboration with many other colleagues, has made. I have always regarded this as a prestigious award and feel honoured to be one of the winners."

Dr Sue Ambler, Trust Director, welcoming the announcement said:

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“Dr Watson’s research makes an important contribution to the evidence base needed to demonstrate the input of pharmacy in delivering effective health care. Dr Watson is a worthy winner and her work, and this recognition, reflects well the Trust’s objective of promoting and developing the field of pharmacy practice research. “

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Notes to editors

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust was established by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain in July 1999 as an independent research charity with a broad objective to promote and develop the field of pharmacy practice research. Its trustees are drawn from senior health policy makers, leading academics, industry and retailers.

The Trust has invested over £1.25m in research; 30% supporting capacity building in pharmacy practice research and 70% on commissioned research. An annual grant from the Pharmaceutical Trust for Education and Charitable Objectives contributes to the funds of the Trust.

It supports and promotes the professional practice and development of pharmacists through:

- Commissioning research that provides evidence and informs health policy and practice relating to medicines and their use
- Building pharmacy practice research capacity and capability through training bursaries, postgraduate research funding, fellowships and grants
- Engaging stakeholders, stimulating debate and spreading knowledge about medicines to the wider healthcare community and the public
- Developing a new generation of academic leaders who can lead the debate and inform thinking, particularly within pharmacy
- Publishing and disseminating results to ensure knowledge is turned into know-how for the benefit of patients and the profession of pharmacy

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www.pprt.org.uk

BPC 2008

The British Pharmaceutical Conference (BPC) 2008 will have the theme of *Pharmacy in the 21st Century, adding years to life and life to years*. The conference is organised by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and will be held at Manchester Central from Sunday 7 September to Tuesday 9 September.