

A complete history of Physio First reports on The Physio Co-op since the Symposium held in March 2017 to March 2019

Date	Title	Abstract	Link
May 2017	Feedback on Physio First Goal 9 symposium – self-owned co-operatives	<p>One telling piece of feedback from an attending delegate summed up part of what they learned at the symposium: “I now understand that setting up a co-operative is much more complicated than I ever thought possible, and very daunting.” But against that and based upon a thorough review of all the feedback, our working conclusions of those attending are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If like-minded private practitioners can structure ourselves as co-owners to work and communicate effectively at scale for the benefit of the patient while keeping our business individuality, trading as a co-op: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will keep us innovating in the marketplace as a group, which is difficult to do as individuals - should help us sell on quality to the self-pay marketplace and, to a lesser extent, to private medical insurers. 2) A co-op has the capacity to make us more powerful in the marketplace, but: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it will not be easy • we must get the structure right from the outset and it can only be tested when we get started. 	https://www.physiofirst.org.uk/resource-library/update-may-2017-all-change-all-change-last-update-trust-is-the-new-currency-time-to-make-new-plans-oh-and-why-not-join-a-colleague-.html
July 2017	The Physio Co-op gets the green light	<p>Paul Donnelly, our General Secretary and the person charged “to lead upon the investigation and if feasible the establishment of the first private physiotherapists’ co-operative”, has produced a detailed report to our executive committee meeting held on 16 June. The unanimous feeling among our executive team was that “it is a no-brainer”. We must proceed.</p>	https://www.physiofirst.org.uk/article/the-physio-co-op-gets-the-green-light.html
March 2018	The Physio Co-op is off the blocks	<p>As of 27 January, our executive formally signed-off our new leadership team comprising our Chairman, Office Manager, Assistant Manager and Treasurer which, in turn, has enabled us to give Paul the space to get on with The Physio Co-op.</p>	https://www.physiofirst.org.uk/article/the-physio-co-op-is-off-the-blocks.html?utm_source=Members-list&utm_campaign=e084071f03-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_06_30&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0f6f3500bc-e084071f03-
May 2018	The Physio Co-op "UnFound"	<p>In a March meeting with senior members of Co-operatives UK, Paul was invited to apply for their new pilot known as the “UnFound Platform Co-operative Accelerator Programme”. Having completed and submitted their challenging application Paul, with our Chairman Pam Simpson, were selected for interview, subject to submitting a full business plan. On 13 April, we were informed that The Physio Co-op had been selected with seven other applicants, to take part.</p>	https://www.physiofirst.org.uk/article/the-physio-co-op-unfound.html
June 2018	Co-operative accelerator programme continues at pace	<p>At the time of writing, Paul has attended two of the seven Platform Co-operative UnFound Masterclasses that he will complete on the 23rd June. Here we summarise Paul’s notes so far to give members a flavour of what was covered, and his experiences so far.</p>	https://www.physiofirst.org.uk/article/co-operative-accelerator-programme-continues-at-pace.html

July 2018	Drinking from a fire hose!	Having completed the final masterclass in the UnFound Platform Co-operative Accelerator Programme, Paul reflected on what he learned. It “was like drinking from a fire hose, i.e. so much information delivered so quickly that it was very hard to digest.” However, Paul is totally confident that, by making time to reflect, he will be able to fully process the information and provide our executive with a report that they can react to.	https://www.physiofirst.org.uk/article/drinking-from-a-fire-hose.html
November 2018	It's "a go" for The Physio Co-op	The Physio Co-op got the green light from our executive last month. We'll be establishing a founding steering group of members and non-member experts, so keep an eye out for selection criteria which will be published over the next few months.	https://www.physiofirst.org.uk/article/it-s-a-go-for-the-physio-co-op.html
February 2019	Recruitment under way for The Physio Co-op Founder Group	The first edition of the selection criteria for the founding steering group is published here. It explains that “it will be based upon the talent, knowledge, experience and expertise needed to get this initiative off the ground” with a promise of a formal invitation to apply.	https://www.physiofirst.org.uk/article/recruitment-under-way-for-the-physio-co-op-founder-group.html
March 2019	Help needed to recruit the Founder Group	Here is the formal invitation to apply. There is recognition by our executive that the Founder Group may have to come from outside our profession but with a request to members to review the first draft of the Founder Team Pitch; to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether the roles are something that you have the skills for, and would like to be part of - who you know among your contacts outside the physiotherapy profession who you might persuade to apply The “Guide to recruitment process for The Physio Co-op Founder Group” remains the guiding advice; Paul Donnelly remains the contact and, by way of an update, we have discovered the possibility of government “Enterprise funding for innovation”.	https://www.physiofirst.org.uk/article/help-needed-to-recruit-the-founder-group.html