**Annual Chairs report 2020**

Reflecting on the past year at this turbulent time for all of us is not easy, Community Pharmacy has again faced funding challenges albeit with some security of a five-year funding settlement.

Nationally LPCs along with the negotiator (PSNC) have commissioned a review of structure and working arrangements, this review is being undertaken by Professor Wright of the University of East Anglia. Nottinghamshire LPC has fully engaged with the review and is totally focused in its aim of producing what is best for pharmacy contractors. The publication is due (and will be probably published by the time of the AGM) and will hopefully give us a plan going forward which I hope the whole sector can get behind and move together forward as one.

Locally we have again continued to work with NHS England, CCGs, ICS to name but a few. We have seen the continuation of many local services and moving forward we have engaged with new service providers that have successfully won the local authority contracts. However, we faced challenges with the outgoing provider, and the LPC team undertook considerable support in helping contractors obtain monies due.

It would be hard to write this year’s report without mentioning the world pandemic that we all find ourselves in, Community Pharmacy has shown itself to be a cornerstone of primary care delivering high quality services, while under huge pressure, ensuring that our patients we serve have had access to medicines as well as face to face advice. I thank you all for this and am immensely proud of Nottinghamshire Community Pharmacies.

Finally, I would like to place on record my thanks to all members who have served on the committee in the past year, and to Nick, Alison and Gordon for the hard work they have put in on behalf of Nottinghamshire contractors.

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