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Your Local Pharmaceutical Committee

THE 138th MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WAS HELD VIA

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL ON

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 11AM

**Present** 

In the Chair: Rob Severn (RS)
Chief Officer: Nick Hunter (NH)
Secretary: Alison Ellis (AE)
Treasurer: Gordon Heeley (GH)

Members: Raza Ali (RA), Mandip Bassi (MB), Rebecca Butterworth (RB), Bethan Chamberlain

(BC), Linda Ferguson (LF), Dave Fernley (DF), Saikiran Koneru (SK), Vijay Pujara (VP), Dhiren Raval (DR), Jon Such (JonS), James Sutcliffe (JS), Randeep Tak (RT)

#### 1.1 Attended

Sam Travis, NHSE & I
Garry Myers, PSNC
Kate Dawson, AHSN
Alex Spurling, NUH
Tracy Madge, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG
Elizabeth Woodward, ABL Health

#### 1.2 Apologies

None

## 1.3 Acceptance of the minutes from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 - Attachment 1A

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

## 1.4 Action points from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 not on the agenda

- 1.4.1 Invoice for work completed by DF and RS for the Lincolnshire LPC appeal has now been sent through and waiting payment.
- 1.4.2 PCN WhatsApp groups and contact details needed for setting up AE is still doing and will be sending out emails to all contractors with the lead details shortly.
- 1.4.3 LPC collaboration work with Liam Stapleton and Rob Darracott this has been delayed due to Covid-19
- 1.4.4 Invite Chris Kerry to meetings for service updates / contractual arrangements Chris Kerry will be invited to future meetings
- 1.4.5 Controlled Drugs reporting on private prescriptions

Sam Travis was to send through an article for the newsletter – not received this yet – AE to follow up with Sam Travis.

Action: Newsletter article re controlled drugs reporting on private prescriptions – AE to follow up with Sam Travis

1.4.6 BC to report back to the care home taskforce the point raised by SK about pharmacies receiving requests for medication for patients being discharged but then patient going to care home therefore not collecting the medication already being prepared as they use a different pharmacy

This was raised at the meeting but the meetings have now stopped.

# 1.5 Declarations of Interest for any item on the agenda

If any member has any personal or pecuniary interest whatsoever in any matter, they should declare it or not actively contribute to the discussion unless asked by the rest of the committee to provide factual information to aid their understanding. In either case they should not vote on the item

#### 2 Governance Items

2.1 Declarations – Attachment 2A All received - any changes let AE know

# 2.2 Feedback from Governance committee Nothing to report

2.3 NHS mail application and data toolkit completion – further update

Darren Powell Doncaster LPC member and NHSD is working on using NHS mail for CPWY and so DP and Dan @ PSNC are going to contact those they are liaising with and then meet together again – once they have sorted, Dan will contact stating whether we need to resubmit out application

Action: AE to follow up with Darren Powell and Dan Ah-Thion and the result of their conversations and if we need to resubmit the application.

- 2.4 Communication within the LPC
  - Discussion around meeting reports, emails and the use of WhatsApp or do we need another mechanism for comms?

Members felt that the WhatsApp group seems to work very well.

- Feel very well informed.
- Need to have some bullet points on emails being sent through to help with what is requested from members
- PSNC bulletins are good and asked all members to read

## 3 Independent PSNC/LPC pharmacy review

## Latest information from the Wright review –

Review Steering group has been set up -4 CCA , 4 Ind , 2 Ind and chaired by PSNC chair Simon Dukes indicated that the RSG had been finalised

Need to get some momentum behind it

There is a risk that vacant posts will not attract any applications until the review has finished and outcomes are known

## > LPC and PSNC meeting on 17.11.20 (DF, RS)

Enjoyed the format

Broken down into an update

Went through issues with staffing levels in pharmacy

Broke into rooms – looked at the issues in the groups that they have experienced

Presentation from Greater Manchester was very good

## **IPMO**

Surprised that a lot of the LPCs were struggling

Notts are ahead – lucky to have had a pre-existing pharmacy leaders group – normally meet every two months, but during COVID met weekly and now biweekly meeting.

#### **GP-CPCS**

Just being rolled out.

Worry that if every practice starts the service at the same time then not be able to cope Felt that Notts LPC were ahead of other LPCs

Seemed to flow better than previous meetings. There were around 140 people on the meeting at some points. Some people left to do local meetings and then came back in which is a bonus of virtual meetings

Facilitating (RS and NH) – there was less time for chat in the groups.

Presentation from Pharmacist Support – focused on mindfulness, stress, etc and we are looking at running an event for Nottinghamshire contractors. NH liaising with Sam Travis and Mindy Bassi.

Action: Pharmacist Support mindfulness event for Nottinghamshire contractors. NH contacting Sam Travis and Mindy Bassi.

# Review for steering group – webinar 04.11.20

Proposal – Attachment 3A

webinar – Attachment 3B slides from webinar

Discussion on the proposal and next steps

Slides were very clear and precise.

A lot of people are worried that will be the same faces / voices on the steering group.

## 4 NHS Contract Matters

#### 4.1 New contracts-Routine

Nothing received

#### 4.2 New contracts-Excepted

4.2.1 No significant change relocation

By: Bestway National Chemists Ltd T/A Well

From: St Anns Valley Centre, 2 Livingstone Road, St Anns, NG3 3GG

To: 1 Livingstone Road, St Anns, Nottingham, NG3 3GG

## Closing date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Declaration of Interest – RS & BC (Well), VP (Carlton Hill and Turners), MB (Lloyds), RT (Applegate) Pharmacy application for relocation across the road – 40meters – moving out of the health centre into a separate building.

Is there any restriction to crossing the road – small road that leads to the health centre

On the map cross in the wrong place but when check the street view it is fine

Wellspring Surgery have also looked at moving out of the health centre previously.

Response - No objection to the application

# **Contract applications received from other areas**

## 4.3 Litigation

Nothing received

#### 4.4 Decisions

4.4.1 Application to change core opening hours

By: Singhs Pharmacy

At: 77 High Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 7DJ

LPC response: The LPC doesn't feel this application can be processed because the proposed hours are less than 40 hours per week, and the applicant gives no evidence as to why they should be allowed to reduce to less than the minimum 40 hours required.

Decision: ? Not received any decision on this application yet

#### 4.5 Responses received

4.5.1

## 4.6 Amendments to the list – Attachment 4A

## 4.6.1 Change of ownership

From: Peter James (Bridgegate Chemist) ltd

To: Dispharma retail Ltd

At: 1a Welbeck Road, Retford, DN22 7RP

Approved

## 4.6.2 Change of ownership

From: Peter James (Bridgegate Chemist) Itd

To: Dispharma retail Ltd

At: 54 Bridgegate, Retford, DN22 7UZ

Approved

## 5 Finances – GH

5.1 Finances September / October 2020 – Attachment 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E

### September 2020

Income

£17,600.09 – contractor levy

## Expenditure

Standard month for expenditure – payroll, members costs for meeting, rent

£7,507.89

Balance - £119,410.87

VP queried with GH that he had sent claims through for the LPC meeting in September but they are not showing on the accounts – GH will check he has received this and ensure they are paid.

#### October 2020

Income

£17,600.02 and £17,600.03 - 2 x contractor levy payments were in the account for October due to the November date being a weekend - will rectify itself in December.

#### Expenditure

£32.886.00 - PSNC 6-month levy

£1,440.00 – Training academy invoices from Liam Stapleton

RS and DF have attended quite a few meetings and invoices had been received from Well

Total expenditure - £45,447.85

Balance - £109,163.07

DF has checked the statements against the balance sheets and they were correct.

#### 5.2 Cashflow update – Attachment 5F, 5G

Will be holding 6 -7 months reserve at the end of the financial year

Spent 66% of the budget so far. Looks like will be £16,000 over budget

Defer decision for the levy holiday as may have more costs to come from Wright review and GP-CPCS Initial funding is from PSNC for the Wright review but then the LPC will need to fund some of this work. Will need to look at the work needed and costings as soon as we can.

GP-CPCS – LPCs will be doing a lot of work around this.

NH estimated that LPC will be looking at investment of £30,000 per year (based on advice from Avon) Set up fee for all contractors adds up to £70,000 and then think that £70,000 in referrals per month is easily achievable.

Funding for service fee is from Pharmacy Integration Fund – not global sum.

The LPC will need to invest in some resource to help with the implementation. Exec will consider and come back to full LPC when more details of implementation are available.

Trend for items dispensed is going down – think this is due to self-care items

Pattern nationally from colleague feedback ...

Less acute prescriptions being seen – especially when doing video or telephone calls

CCG has been working on prescribing habits.

Due to Covid there are les people attending for Pharmacy First too. At the moment patients are not calling in for medical problems as feel that the NHS are overrun so these probably do need medication but not accessing GP or pharmacies.

Average item value is just under £8

Contractor levy payments for the LPC = £75 per month – due to the holidays it has been £55 per month

Action: Members asked for the slides that GH presented to be sent out to all members so they can use within their pharmacies etc.

LPC exec team to discuss plans for GP-CPCS implementation and funding that will be needed. Bring plans back to the LPC committee for approval.

# 6 Chief Officer / Chair reports –

## 6.1 Chair update – Attachment 6A

Amount of meetings attending has increased – due to flu / covid

Pharmacy are being included in the discussions and will be involved in the Covid vaccination plans.

#### 6.2 Chief officer update – Attachment 6B

So many meetings at the moment that cannot attend all of them.

Have more catch ups with RS because need to ask for frontline pharmacy info and opinion on items discussed in meetings.

ICS under pressure to have COVID vacs plans but cannot do this until get the characteristics of the vaccine. How is the workforce going to get vaccinated and when?? Do not have the answers at the moment.

Draft version is published – PCN level – had to give a site per PCN by 17.11.20

Will receive £12.58 per vaccination x = £25.16.

Only 2 storage sites in Nottinghamshire – NUH and Sherwood Forest Hospital

Pharmacies are not well placed for the first vaccine – being led at PCN level

Pharmacies need to be in collaboration with PCNS.

# 7 | COVID – 19 / Flu

#### COVID

Any feedback from members – challenges, different working etc

Clinical Lead Dr Ahmed – VP discussed flu vaccs with him and he felt that pharmacies are doing all the mobile patients but not doing housebound and care home patients.

GP's have been told to focus on over 65's. Pharmacies are restricted by PGD as only the pharmacist can do the vaccine where GP's service the nurses can do so they can go out to housebound

Girish has spoken to the CD so conversations are happening locally.

Guidance has not been released to do 50-64 year olds yet.

## PSNC/LPC Ops Team meeting updates

Information changes all the time so don't always give too much information.

If it is really important / urgent then NH will send through separately via email or WhatsApp group

Notts County IMT 27.10.20 – Attachment 7A

Community Pharmacy SOP - Attachment 7B

Home delivery service – Attachment 7C

Requirement to sign prescriptions suspended - <a href="https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/requirement-to-sign-prescriptions-suspended-from-november-2020/">https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/requirement-to-sign-prescriptions-suspended-from-november-2020/</a>

## <u>FLU</u>

- South Nottinghamshire Seasonal Flu Planning Group Meeting Attachment 7D
- ICS Flu Planning Delivery Group 12.11.20 (RS) Attachment 7E and 7F
- SYB ICS flu planning
- Bassetlaw flu meeting (DF)
- Mandated Flu Vaccination Campaign

For information

## 8 Integrated Care System / Primary Care Networks / Nottinghamshire CCG

Members to have read through PSNC briefing LPC News: Helping you to engage with Primary Care Networks

## a) Primary Care Networks (30mins)

- PCN Development lead Rachel Rees 05/11/20 and presentation to CD's 15.10.20 (NH, RS) Attachment 8A
- ➤ PCN lead training / development with Liam Stapleton review of the events flu and Business Continuity workshops held on 06.10.20 and 20.10.20

Feedback on the nights were good. RA and RT found very useful.

- City PCNs
- Mid Notts PCNs
- South Notts PCNs

PCN lead vacancy - Nottingham North East - Synergy

Boots do not have suitable candidates

#### Bassetlaw PCN

PCN Lead vacancy - Newgate PCN

Boots do not have suitable candidates

RS asked AE to send through the lists of pharmacies in the areas.

# PCN funding -

Bassetlaw PCN leads - Group together In Doncaster for workshops

Not spent the amount that was given by SYB NHSE.

#### b) ICS update – Nottinghamshire

- Clinical strategy update
- ICS partnership forum update 29.10.20 Attachment 8B
- Integrated Pharmacy Medicines Optimisation (IPMO) 23.10.20 Attachment 8C
- ICS Board Summary briefing September and October 2020 Attachment 8D and 8E

## c) ICS update - SYB

For information

# Nottinghamshire CCG No update

## Area Prescribing Committee

No update

#### **GUESTS**

## Kate Dawson, AHSN and Alex Spurling, NUH (presentation)

## > TCAM update

TCAM becomes the Discharge Medicines Service from 01.01.21

218 patient referrals still waiting to be completed by pharmacies - 45% but target is 85%

At this point – if you are receiving it for information then this can be marked as completed – may not need a MUR or NMS.

Part of the admission recording asks a patient to nominate a pharmacy

May have patients coming through that have not been seen at the pharmacy before.

If they believe not their patient then let the department now - Don't reject!!!

Interim care locations – discharge pharmacy will be different

ADS code obtained through summary care record

How long does it take to go through to the GP practice. Issues with not being able to get prescriptions because they have not had the information and then will not issue

SystmOne will receive at the same time as pharmacy but some practices have a weekly download of information so depends on the process in the GP systems.

TCAM is for any patient theoretically but the hospital are choosing the areas they are targeting due to pressures. Prioritising for patients that have a change in medication

Elderly medicine is the main area

Trying to improve with service managers of all areas

Maybe put on the SCR if on blister packs. This would need to be done at GP level or if pharmacy had write access then pharmacy could do this.

There is a flagging system in ehealthscope so will check this too. (AS)

More information will come out in January 2021

Newsletter point – explaining how to complete referrals received if not doing a MUR/NMS. Kate will send though information for the newsletter article.

Action: Kate Dawson, to send through information on when to complete referrals to be added to the newsletter.

#### Elizabeth Woodworth, ABL Health

#### SSS update

Very welcomed in Nottinghamshire.

Part of the integrated lifestyle service – weight management, falls prevention and alcohol prevention. Based at Ransom Wood.

Interest of 48 pharmacies initially but now - only have 18 sign up.

Gedling has no pharmacy signed up

Rushcliffe - only have 1

Mansfield struggling to cope with the amount of referrals receiving - 128 clients on Champix Payments – being resolved today.

Assured that there will be payment – missed an email with the form to be completed and sent to Pinnacle for this to be set up.

Payments - £14 first and second session and then further £8 for the 4 following sessions.

Commissioned for County council patients but patients are able to obtain from City pharmacies if they sign up.

### Sam Travis, NHS E & I

#### MAS Extended care

UTI and conjunctivitis – gone out to the pharmacies who were involved in the previous service pilot.

Contractors need to sign the SLA and send back - only received a 1/3 back. When they have had the responses back from the original pharmacies involved, they can then open up to the rest of the pharmacies where there are gaps.

Once it is functioning then the intention is to add more services to the MAS extended care service. Sam will send through the list of pharmacies who have not sent back the SLA to AE and chase up with pharmacies

### PPE

workshop for January 2021 – Vivian Weston on antimicrobial stewardship – LPN is leading this

#### IPMO

facilitating the Notts plan – Sam Travis, RS and NH met to go through the things that needed to be added for pharmacy

## CD destruction

VP reported that he had asked for CD destruction but had not received anything back from NHSE. ST reported that should have received an authorisation notice

Process is - pharmacy needs to complete the destruction records on the reporting tool for all pharmacies wish to have destruction take place and then NHSE will send through an authorisation code.

Action: Sam Travis will send through the list of pharmacies who have not sent back the SLA for MAS extended care to AE and chase up with pharmacies

## **Garry Myers, PSNC Regional Representative**

Confidential update

£370m advance – asking that this is no longer needed to be paid back.

Submitted another bill for costs incurred due to COVID

Some PCNS are trying to contract pharmacies already for vaccination programme re COVID vaccine. ICS locally are trying to get pharmacists to volunteer for vaccinating – sent the information through to head offices

No notice has been given for 50-64 year olds flu vacs at the moment

Release of national flu stock is being delayed as there is still stock in the system to be able to vaccinate the cohorts.

FMD costs – not heard anything

GPhC inspector has asked contractors what they have been doing towards FMD - NH said to let him know as he is already meeting monthly with the local inspectors.

PQS – they are looking at suspending till early next year – will get the achievement payment but then will then need to send through evidence that they have completed it.

Members voted for the delay in PQS rather than cancelling altogether

# Tracy Madge , Associate Chief Nurse: ICS Vaccination Lead Co-ordinator NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG

Flu service and Covid vac update

Aim that all over 50's will be vaccinated by Feb 2021 (600,000)

Have to be ready to go in 18 days time - ready to vaccinate for Covid-19

Treating as major incident – need everyone involved

Based the model on the simplest way to explain as it is being aimed at all levels of staff.

Will have to sign the MOU

Need the Band 5-6 to be involved to oversee the vaccinators.

Mass vaccination sites are in Mansfield and City centre

Band 4's are going through Online vac training program – then have support to have given actual vaccinations and will be signed off by Sherwood Forest Hospital.

Tracy will send through the slides for all members to have the information.

When on the bank staff you can chose to volunteer, be paid as an individual or paid as an organisation Feedback to AE any queries and then will provide FAQs for pharmacy.

PharmOutcomes will be the system used to record vaccinations

#### 9 MEMBER UPDATES

#### 9.1 LPC member day (DR, BC, RB)

Good and lots of information re constitution, declarations and finance.

Is there anything that we should be doing or not doing?? Felt that as an LPC we were covering everything we need to do. Helped to understand why we cover certain items when in the meetings

## 10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

#### PUBLIC HEALTH COUNTY

Nottinghamshire County HWB

Next meeting 02.12.20 – virtual meeting

https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/health-and-wellbeing/health-and-wellbeing-board

## PUBLIC HEALTH CITY

Nottingham City HWB

Next meeting 25.11.20 virtual meeting

https://www.youtube.com/user/NottCityCouncil

# 11 NHS England Area Teams

#### North Midlands

➤ Video Consultation Pilot update- 13 pharmacies in Notts

Using doctorlink – pharmacies have had webinar training. Doctorlink is no different to Accurx in principle.

Should be starting with this next week.

Manor / Peak already use video calls for private service.

Boots decided not to do in the end as the IT part of it was getting complicated.

Bingham Pharmacy is also part of the pilot

Survey being completed at the end of the calls.

# Action: Update at the next LPC meeting in January 2021 to review how things are going

➤ TCAM - Discharge Medicines Reconciliation Service supposedly starting on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan.2021. Discussed earlier in the meeting

 Smoking Service pilot - digital referral from hospital to community pharmacy – Attachment 11A

Only for maternity patients at the moment. RS has spoken to Keith Kendall and Jackie Buxton. They are wanting to test the referral from secondary care to Community Pharmacy not the actual service as pharmacy have done this previously.

## Virtual Outcomes usage

This is free (Funded by NHSE locally) and need to promote the use.

May need to fund in the future – cost £2000 a year. GP-CPCS will be the main point for this.

VP has used this for his staff and it is really useful to do during the day.

- Controlled Drugs newsletter Sept 2020 Attachment 11B
- ➤ GP-CPCS https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliancecontractors/dispensing-contractors-information/nhs-community-pharmacistconsultation-service-minor-illness-and-urgent-repeat-medicines-supply
- ➤ Supply issue alerts <a href="https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts">https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts</a>

#### > SYB

SYB LPCS and NHSE & I – next meeting 19/11/20

# 12 Information received from various sources

If members wish to discuss any of the items below at the LPC meeting then please let the chair know via chat function on Zoom.

Members are advised that many PSNC communications are now communicated electronically and repeated on the PSNC website. It is recommended that members regularly visit the PSNC website 'LPC members' area to access the latest information available on <a href="www.psnc.org,uk">www.psnc.org,uk</a>

## 12.1 **PSNC briefings / newsletters**

12.1.1 List of PSNC newsletters received since the last LPC meeting - there have been daily COVID-19 briefings sent through – Attachment 12A

Link to the PSNC webpage - <a href="https://psnc.org.uk/">https://psnc.org.uk/</a> - briefings found on each drop-down section of the website

12.2 Regional PSNC / LPC meeting 07.10.20 - next meeting 2nd December 2020 - Attachment 12B

# 12.3 PSNC Pricing audit reports

Nothing received

## 12.4 MP briefing event – virtual – possibly December

3 separate briefings – 1 Conservative (Jan 2021), 1 Liberal Democrats (Jan 2021) and 1 Labour–December 2020.

12.5 PQS update

## 12.4 Health education England

> Bids for funding – still waiting for details from NEY HEE on behalf of Bassetlaw

## 13 Any other business

13.1

#### MDS provision

24 – 48 hours changed and expecting pharmacy to do this without sending through the revised prescription – advised that should say that they can have the MDS and the change in meds in original packaging until the next prescription comes through.

Action: VP to send through information to NH and will raise with PICS to try and stop this happening again.

# 14 Details of future meetings

Completed a couple of polls on Zoom

Evening catch up in December -92% agreed and the best days for this would be a Monday or Wednesday.

Christmas Zoom party – 67% said yes – AE will organise and send out selection of dates.

**Development Day** 9am – 5pm To be confirmed

**20**<sup>th</sup> **January 2021** 9pm – 5pm **Zoom call** 

# Next meeting is on Wednesday 21<sup>ST</sup> January 2021 @ Zoom meeting

Minutes agreed as true and accurate record of the LPC meeting held on Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>
November 2020.	

Signed:	Date	
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Rob Severn, Chair, Nottinghamshire LPC