



**To all Nottingham/shire Pharmacy Contractors,  
and pharmacy teams.**

For the last few years, I have written about the constant change and series of NHS reorganisations – the last reorganisation took effect on 01 July 2022 when the CCGs cease to exist, and the formal formation of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) comes in. It is one of our core strategic aims as an LPC to ensure the LPC maintains a voice and is able to represent community pharmacy with the new regime. The move to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB has seen Bassetlaw CCG move back to be parts of Notts health System from South Yorkshire which the LPC believes will be beneficial for Bassetlaw contractors because will give them the ability to sign up to the locally commissioned services – especially the extended care service.

In addition to the NHS organisational changes this year we have the recommendations and subsequent contractor vote from the Review Steering Group. The vote is a clear vote for change and the LPC will need to consider the implications of these over the next few months and how we will need to work differently. The next stage of PSNC process is the setting up of the Transforming Pharmacy Representation (TAPR) Programme – see <https://psnc.org.uk/psnc-and-negotiations/representation/transforming-pharmacy-representation-tapr-programme/> . We will run a contractor briefing session when we have further information available, so contractors have the opportunity to have a say and directly influence the way they are represented locally in future, but in the short term at least we are not expecting significant change to Nottinghamshire LPC because we are already coterminous with the ICB and have more than 200 contractors. Details will be circulated in the next few weeks as we learn more from PSNC.

We continue to work with Metaphor Development to provide the training academy although this is still evolving and being evaluated due to changes in the way we work as a result of COVID. We welcome your feedback on the training and support we provide as an LPC so we can refine our work and maintain efficiency.

I have tried to précis the year in my report without duplicating the newsletters we produce. We have continued to distribute the newsletter electronically via MailChimp which seems to work well and provide us with a balance between efficiency and readability. As with NHSE we now use pharmacy NHSnet email addresses, but also continue as well with those contractors have given us. Please inform Alison of any email address changes to ensure you continue to receive a copy, although we continue to publish on the LPC website along with the archive of past copies at <https://nottinghamshire.communitypharmacy.org.uk/>

I have outlined key points from the LPC for your information below, but as always if you want more information or just to discuss things in general don't hesitate to get in touch with me or any of the LPC team or committee members. As an LPC we try to run our meetings in an as open an environment as possible which means we welcome contractor observers. Indeed, many contractors

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or their staff have come along to LPC meetings, and some do so regularly, even bringing with them their trainees.

If you are interested in attending LPC meetings or just receiving the meeting papers to keep abreast of things, then let Alison know so she can add you to the circulation list. We have moved back to mostly face-to-face meetings although still hold some meetings virtually according to need. We don't routinely circulate LPC meeting papers to all contractors as we are conscious of the amount of information contractors are already receiving from other sources, so it is a balance between keeping you informed and not overwhelming you and avoiding duplication. Therefore, we are continually adding more to our website - <https://nottinghamshire.communitypharmacy.org.uk/> so information can be accessed when needed. If you have trouble finding things on the website, then contact Alison with your feedback.

**NHS England**

We have maintained our excellent working relationship locally with NHSE commissioners and as such work closely with LPC colleagues across the whole of the Midlands now. We have been successful in securing several bids for additional funds enabling us to support the Connected Pharmacy Programme <https://nottinghamshire.communitypharmacy.org.uk/your-area/connected-pharmacy-program/> as well as commit more resources to support CPCS, Hypertension Service, DMS and the Extended Care Service.

All services details are available on the LPC website on the services tab at <https://nottinghamshire.communitypharmacy.org.uk/additional-services/local-services/>

**Strategic Priorities**

We have spent much time supporting the implementation and pharmacy involvement in the COVID vacs services, as well as the LFD service.

The LPC's additional focus has been to support contractors and their teams, particularly with the advanced services Flu, CPCS, NMS and Hypertension Service, also to secure the implementation of DMS, because these offer the greatest return on investment. Alongside this we maintain our System work on workforce and people resource, IPMO (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/ipmo-programme-briefing.pdf>), ICB. We've also found we continue to get a lot of queries about MDS / NOMADs / MCCAs so have been involved in many local discussions. Despite the myriad of national guidance and NHS resources on equality there continues to be much confusion therefore we have lobbied to get the issue incorporated into the IPMO work plan, so a System solution and position is worked up.

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The LPC has continued its relationships with our MPs and local councillors including pharmacy visits and meetings to discuss funding and current issues contractors are facing. Details are on the LPC website. If any pharmacy teams are interested in being further involved in our work with local politicians, then please contact us.

LPC members give up their time as volunteers and the work they do is for you and to represent your interests. To do this more effectively we need your input. Please tell us what's important to you and how we can help you further. If you have identified a particular local need and want help from the LPC in progressing this, then please get in touch. The LPC meeting dates are on the website and any contractor or their representative can come along as an observer. Please contact Alison in advance for further details.

This report, along with the Chairman's report, Treasurers report and member reports constitutes the LPCs annual report to its contractors and as always contractors requiring further information on anything in this report or otherwise don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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