

## **Chair's Annual Report 2022**

Reflecting on the past year at this turbulent time for all of us is not easy, Community Pharmacy has again faced funding challenges. With no increase in the global sum but with increasing costs the sector faces major challenges. I can assure you that Nottinghamshire LPC is aware of the challenges and doing all in our gift to work with both local and national stakeholders to help support better outcomes for contractors.

Locally we have continued to work with NHS England, CCGs, ICS to name but a few. We have received some funding to employ a GPCPCS lead, and I am very pleased to inform you that this will continue for another 12 months. Mike Jones has fitted in well to the LPC operations team and has led on the ambitious work of ensuring GPCPCS is available across the county. GPCPCS is not the only 'new' service in town, there are also a growing number of contractors delivering the extended care services, additionally I am very heartened by the progress that has been made with the Discharge Medicines Service, which has seen a large increase in referrals by the local hospital trusts. Each year contractors rise to the flu vaccination challenge and we as a LPC are also immensely proud of all the contractors that have delivered covid vaccinations. Being fully engaged with clinical services is important as it demonstrates the value our profession brings to the communities we serve, and additionally evidences and supports the forward momentum of community pharmacy in being able to support and treat people close to where they live and work.

I am excited for the future of community pharmacy, I know currently times are hard, but I am starting to see a glimmer of a bright future ahead, opportunities will start to be seen for an even more clinically based role within community pharmacy with independent prescribing key to this change, this will bring challenges, but I can assure you that your LPC will be here to support and represent you through the process of change.

Finally, as Chair I am proud of what Nottinghamshire LPC has achieved over the past year and would like to thank all committee members for their hard work and support. Additionally, I would like to place on record my thanks to LPCs operation team - Nick, Alison, Mike, and Gordon for the hard work they have put in on behalf of Nottinghamshire contractors.

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