

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 24th November

12.30pm – 4pm

Venue : Holiday Inn, Loake Close, Grange Park, Northampton. NN4 5EZ

LPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anil Patel (AP)
Matthew Armstrong (MA)
Veronica Horne (VH)
Adeola Adekunle (AA)
Bobby Arora (BA)
Hansa Bi (HB)
Lak Flora (LF)
Veronica Horne (VH)
Rishi Hindocha (RH)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Anne Marie King – Chief Officer (AMK)
Amrit Minhas (AM)
Carolynne Freeman - Chair (CF)
Fiona Garnett, Associate Director Medicines Optimisation Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (joined remotely)
Anne Maher Specialist Interface Pharmacist- Northamptonshire ICB

APOLOGIES

Has Modi (HS)
Daljit Poone (DP)
Raju Malde (RM)

The committee received a presentation from Logic pharma who sponsored the meeting

The committee was informed of resignations from Aimee Mulhern and Karan Pankhania. This currently leaves 3 vacancies in the committee:

- One for CCA
- One for AIMp
- One for independents

It was agreed in the meeting that business as usual should continue and representatives be sought to fill these vacancies to give correct representation from contractors.

This has left a vacancy of vice chair on the committee, CF asked for committee members to consider this to see who was willing to take up this position.

Minutes of the previous meeting (Thursday 29th September 2022) were reviewed and approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting and action points. CF signed the minutes as Chair.

AMK updated declarations of interest re CO performing vaccinations outside of LPC working hours and added to website

Reports

Finance

AM presented his report to the committee

PSNC levy paid in October and a 4 month buffer now in place.

Discussion for new accountant ongoing and some potential candidates identified.

The committee agreed to separate out the TAPR costs for CF time to show outside of BAU LPC running costs

Market entry committee

No major updates to share; Corby Lakeside relocation was noted

Governance report

Discussion re changes to LPC constitution and no issues identified by the committee.

AMK checking with James Wood at PSNC re concerns raised by AIMp

Strategy committee

MA gave update on cancer referral service pilots from other national geographies.

Contraception management service discussed regarding launch of Tier 1 national Jan rollout and Tier 2 pilots starting in January (nationally)

It was agreed the LPC strategy document should be updated to include the cancer and contraception services.

The committee agreed that Natalie Ng should also support the implementation of the Hypertension Case Finding Service for NN

Chief Officer Report

AMK shared report (attached)

Update from provided from Fiona Garnett (FG) (BLMK)

An update was shared on Covid vaccinations with 62% being provided from community pharmacy locations. Vaccination site geographies would be reviewed ahead of phase 6 spring booster in 2023 for future unmet need.

Updates were provided on the C19 antiviral supply pilot for high risk patients and SystemOne integration pilot.

FG updated the committee on the appointment of the BLMK community pharmacy ICS lead. The role will support community pharmacy transformation within the ICS with initial focus on CPCS, hypertension case finding and DMS.

FG encouraged CCA pharmacies to ensure they check their NHSmail inboxes for referrals.

FG shared an update on the preconception pilot (slides attached)

TAPR update

CF gave an update to the committee on progress of the TAPR subgroup and the options available.

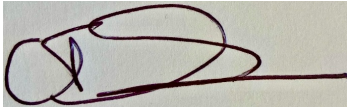
Any Other Business

RH raised question around backfill cost to attend LPC meeting in light of increasing locum costs. It was agreed there needs to be a fair and consistent approach for all members. AMK took an action to ask other LPCs for their position on backfill costs for increasing locum rates and will report back at next LPC meeting

Date of next meeting confirmed as 19th Jan (virtual) from 12pm

The meeting was closed at 4pm

Signed

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'CF', written on a light-colored background.

Carolynne Freeman (Chair)

Reports

Chief Officer's Report November 2022

PharmAlarm. Over 60 devices purchased and hand delivered to pharmacies in Northamptonshire by either AMK, Arti, Olivia or Natalie. also an offer from LPC to reimburse those pharmacies who recently purchased ahead of our offer. We can reimburse £52.

Working to pull together figures for GPCPCS. Danger that service has plateaued . Difficult to encourage surgeries within a PCN to engage if only one or two are active. Non participants drag the IIF (Investment and Impact Fund) score down making it less attractive to take part in this particular area of the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service.

The indicator fetches 27 points and the performance threshold has been set at 0.65 GP-CPCS referrals per 1000 registered patients per week. The IIF is a points-based scheme. For 2022/23, each PCN can earn a maximum of 989 IIF points and the value of a point will be £200.00

A PCN can earn either all the 27 points or no points for this indicator. This will be based on whether the number of referrals sent to the community pharmacy service meets the indicator performance threshold. To obtain the 27 points, Northamptonshire Rural PCN will need to achieve 1,753 referrals for this financial year.

As of July 2022 (the latest data I could get hold of), Northamptonshire Rural PCN has sent 149 referrals to the community pharmacist consultation service.

In addition to the financial incentive of the service, GP-CPCS also helps to reduce pressure on GP appointments and free up time for GP to concentrate on other matters. The GP-referral service also allows community pharmacists to support general practice by offering clinical advice, sales of over-the-counter medicines and support patients to self-manage their minor illness more effectively.

In order to address this, ICB invested some of their integration fund and have had 2 animations created to help support practices as they try to navigate the service in either System1 or Emis. The animations will be shared shortly, they're in the final edit at the moment. Produced by Squimeo.

Band 8 C ICS appointed Community Pharmacy Lead – Milton Keynes Funmi Balogun and Northamptonshire Mini Salteesh. Should be starting January 2023 so that clinical priorities can be progressed. LPC will be invited to meet the new leads as they develop their work plans for short, medium, longer terms.

Sexual Health Services Northamptonshire. Working closely with Lisa Knight-Smith to identify and encourage pharmacies into providing the service. Now have 16 pharmacies interested and at various stages towards going live.

DMS Northampton General will be referring all patients except those who are exempt (patients on no regular medicines on admission and only discharged on short courses, discharge letters that bypassed pharmacy, patients who were admitted <24 hours) from Monday 28th November 2022.



Preconception Project

- The Preconception Project aims to:
 - Improve outcomes for birthing people and their babies by improving preconception knowledge and health
 - Ensure optimum health of birthing people of reproductive age, prior to pregnancy, by providing Preconception education, advice and support in the community
 - Target hard-to-reach groups including those from BAME backgrounds and those from deprived backgrounds
- Funding is now available and our suggested proposal is to work with the Local Pharmaceutical Community to incentivise them to promote the preconception message at every opportunity
 - Using a Train-the-trainer approach, provide resources and training to develop a champion in each pharmacy
 - Promote Preconception advice through footfall in pharmacies
 - Promote Preconception advice through repeat prescriptions for medication for Diabetes, Obesity, Hypertension and Mental Health
 - Promote Preconception advice in well-woman consultations, contraceptive reviews, health reviews and medication reviews
 - Incentive will be based on number of women who have been offered Preconception advice. Pharmacies will be asked to report on numbers

