

BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of Birmingham Local Pharmaceutical Committee held on 20th May 2019 at Becketts Farm Shop, Wythall (A4523) B47 6AJ

PRESENT:

Miss. H. Elliot (in the Chair)

Mr. J Blankley
Mr. Z. Chishti
Mr. A. Esmail
Mr. M. Ismail
Mr. S Panesar
Mr.S. Melwani
Mr.S. Dhami
Mrs.M. Dhanjal
Mr.S. Khan
Mrs.S. Neaves
Mr. M. Paul
Mr. M. Eshak
Mr. D. Zeitone
Mr. D. Gallier – Harris
Miss. K. Begum
Mrs. V. Morley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. C. Mc Nidder – Treasurer
Miss. Freeborn – Note taker

Apologies were received from

L.Dalton, A. Pancholi, T. Wedgebury

Declarations of Interest

Chairman asked members if there were any declarations of Interest in any item under either open/closed agenda.

Minutes of Meeting for April 2019

Minutes from 15th April 2019 were circulated and proposed by SD seconded by DZ and agreed as a true and accurate record and approved for website publishing

Announcements

Service Development Officers – afternoon

Matters arising from the Open part of the meeting, other than those included on the agenda

None

Review of Action Points

Actions from B Sol LPC Meeting 20th May 2019

Action	Who	When	Completed
Progress successor for Governance Officer	JB/HE	Update June meeting	
Create and share NHS Mail 1-pager for contractors	DGH	End May	
Progress HLP Survey Monkey to be shared with contractors and generate a certificate from the LPC once successfully completed	SDOs Comms	By June meeting	
Treasurer to attend meetings quarterly after familiarisation and to present updates of finances with expenditure against plan and linked to outputs. To work through the sub-group in between times	CMcN Finance sub-group	On-going	
Add small amendment to Governance Annual Report and retain for AGM	SN JB	June meeting	Y
Send analysis of employment status of LPC to JB in line with Clyde Co's advice	SN	June meeting	
Remind contractors of expectation of 200 MURs in first half	Comms	End May	
Prepare information about B Sol LPC's PCNs and propose actions to ensure cost effective investment of contractor levies and to include a contractor engagement event before summer recess	JB	End July	
Seek HTA of poor Campaign (Oral health) planning and delivery with national organisations	JB	End May	
Challenge Hep C screening and treatment decisions as communicated by CGL after embargo	JB	End May	Y
Support for flu training and advertising for 19/20 through CHS and influence other LPCs. Agree numbers and costs. Explore digital advertising and hospital radio promotions	JB SD	End May	
Advertising support for smoking rejected	LPC		
Share community pharmacy AMR paper with West Mids steering group and shape mandatory campaign in Sept	JB	Sept	Y
Understand work required for contractors to move from L1 HLP to L2	JB	End May	Y

Financial Matters

All handovers from JC to CMcN have been finalised and from April 19 all expenses are to be sent over to CMcN.

The set of accounts for end of year still need finalising

New Contract Applications

Updates received:

Dudley Taylor Pharmacy - CAS

Richmond Medical Centre: CAS -1174521- M3J3P1 - refused- subject to appeal. No discussion or notification has been made.

Handsworth Wood – Relocation granted

Adam Myers – Relocation granted

Through NHSE there has been a report of a pharmacy close permanently without any official notification. TW is investigating this.

Community Pharmacy Funding arrangements

PSNC negotiations have commenced, but no information yet. There are discussions with regards to more than one-year settlement and for the contract to move away from item based remuneration. Simon Dukes has accepted the September appointment with Community Pharmacy West Midlands.

There is an interim arrangement.

A reminder to contractors that 200 MUR's to be done before the end of September 2019.

PSNC MATTERS

JB had a meeting with Luvjit Kandola (successor to Mike King who leaves his role at the end of May) and has also introduced Michael Lennox, the Chief Officer from Somerset LPC. JB discussed Luvjit's role and how she wants to develop her role, input and any changes within the PSNC. The deadline for the PCN network information was the 15th May but hasn't been announced although having a National Directory would be beneficial. From a PCN point of view there will be a number of GP's in a geographical location who will collaborate for 30-50000 patients and the pharmacies that are sitting in that footprint may have to work differently to how they are working now. Obtaining the information defining the catchment areas should be available. An excel template to be created with all information required but it is still a work in progress.

Healthy Living Pharmacies

NHS ENGLAND Campaign update:

There seems to be a lack of material, samples and information from the National Oral Campaign to use and provide to customers. There is a mixed feeling on the information or lack of that is being provided to

pharmacists, some have leaflets but not toothpaste samples and some have samples but not leaflets but use what you have. This is a national issue, there are 6 campaigns that have been agreed nationally, but improvements need to be made for future campaigns. Thoughts into which campaigns to target and are also relevant to be addressed and actions noted.

PHE have issued a survey – the stay well campaign, the first one of 2019.

MP & SP issued invites and helped promote the campaign.

Joint Representatives' Committee (JRC)

HE discussed the meeting which took place with Bill Strange from the LMC in attendance, also Gavin Ralston and Eddie Crouch from the LDC. Amongst the subjects discussed was the Public Health Campaign and the challenges in the different sectors. MECS, the eye condition service which the CCG have commissioned, the first service commissioned with BSol LPC. Positive feedback from the opticians, information and posters for this service to be distributed in waiting rooms and pharmacies. Bill Strange, as chair of the LMC has written a letter to a variety of key stakeholders within the health economy in Birmingham and Solihull the content was about the 4 Primary Care professions and that he and the committees are working together and moving forward to collaborate more. Contact with Bill to be made in June or July.

JB & HE have agreed to meet with Bill Strange (LMC) three times a year together with representatives from: – Dentists & Optometrists.

Local Authorities Enhanced Services

Sexual Health Services

There is still a need from umbrella that they are wanting to make everyone tier 2 providers which is driven by the client feedback as tier 2 services are not available to them. Erdington and Northfield need more information and awareness of the service.

Solihull is not offering the Umbrella branding at the moment although would like to provide the service. DGH had a conversation with Solihull and from July they won't be commissioning any direct services and they will go through Gateway. The next meeting will be in October.

CGL & SIAS

JB and ZC had a meeting Birmingham and Solihull Services on 12th April.

Scala House will close on 1st May, there will be 5 community venues to be confirmed; Bourneville, New Town, Fern bank Medical Centre and another temporarily located in a GP surgery in the north. Kevin Ratcliffe will be continuing and overseeing the role he has with CGL but will eventually be moving to the facility in the North when finalised. CGL to share specific info via Pharm outcomes. Comms to share with all contractors for signposting and referrals.

JB discussed information from Kevin B with regards to Hep C screening which finished at the end of March from last financial year. PSNC with the NHS are choosing not to pursue community pharmacies involvement with Hep C screening treatment. Pending the outcome of the negotiations, PSNC have halted the services as far as extending screening is concerned or any link to potential treatment. Nothing has been mentioned nationally as yet but hope that by 2027 there will be no Hep C.

The latest figures are extremely impressive. Phase 1 figures state that 6 contractors' needle exchange clients provided with the test kit, 375 screens, 66 positives, 18 %. Phase 2 160 have been screened, 42 positives.

Boots branch in the Bullring, Zenith on A34 before Perry Barr and Lloyds Stockland Green - thanks to them all for participating and supporting the service. JB has asked Kevin how he can promote the Community Pharmacy element of the service more broadly and use it as a lever. Kevin has announced that all contractors have been paid as of March 1st. ZC has concerns for the CGL contract that all contractors should be signed up to a contract as some have a verbal contract and concerns are the element of these contractors being paid without signing up to a contract. LPC would expect any future similar hiccups to be resolved in the same way now president has been set.

There is a SIAS meeting on Thursday 23rd May, an update will be at the next BSol meeting in June.

Smoking Cessation

Smoking Steering Group- Birmingham City Council

JB circulated the activity pack. The activity summary for smoking includes Doctors and GP's from 2018 to March 31ST, 2019 delivered somewhere in the region of 1000 quits, in the previous year delivered 400, so the changing performance increased with positive results. All contractors would have been invited through Pharmoutcomes from Birmingham City Council to attend an E-Cig evening meeting, there are 4 meetings in total to attract GP's and Pharmacies. The Pharmacy meeting will be held at St Chads on Tuesday 21st May, update at June meeting. All the contractors for the smoking service will be offered E-Cigs, the contractual arrangements are designed for 1st June, the city council elected representatives have approved the contract. There will be some communication sent out to the providers explaining what will happen. Any brand of E-Cig can be provided but must be CE compliant. There will be a generic price for all. The 4th meeting /workshop is in a vaping shop and BCC have commissioned one E-Cig vaping outlet to offer to their clients a Smoking Cessation Service using their product, JB raised concerns about anyone claiming money on the service but they have stated they have safe guards in place, JB will visit the shop to see the outcome. There is continued innovation with the service and can only increase with recognition and support.

Everyone, irrespective of whether you have a contract or not will be able to claim reimbursement for supply of products.

Antenatal, mental health patients and secondary care patients that could present a voucher to any contractor for predominantly NRT supply the patient. There is no levy fee but there is a £2.50 payment plus the price of the product for the pharmacists.

DGH asked to share the Smoking Steering group minute figures 18/19 end of year report to Solihull NBC and JB agreed

Services Development Officers

Update - VM

Her first appointment was a pharmacist who was in the catchment area and signed up for the Solihull EHC scheme. VM & KB attended Lloyds pharmacy and delivered a presentation to their Regional Manager, Customer Managers and Pharmacy Managers which went very well and an eye opener for the achievement potential for Lloyds. VM is also working with Chemicare in Moseley, they are interested in offering the umbrella service.

Update- KB

KB has in addition to the joint Lloyds presentation and data available on MUR's & NMS for pharmacists made calls to 40 different contractors including follow up calls and attended 7 contractor visits, KB also supported an independent pharmacy contractor to implement the minor eye condition service and to deliver MUR's.

60 additional contractors have been made aware of their NMS target levels. Positive comments have been made from contractors to the SDO's, a follow up visit to be made by KB in a month. Thanks, given to JB and HE for the support and advice they have given to the SDO's. All agreed more of the same enthusiastic approach, great results and continuing progress with face to face visits.

CHS Ltd

JB shared the presentation that CHS delivered to the S&O Committee, and some of the questions that their presentation posed. JB also shared the accounts summary presented at the AGM for first year trading. The first question posed was around flu, last year CHS provided flu training for our contractors and BSol LPC paid for flu training for contractors. CHS gained a greater volume of training places at a more preferential rate. JB put to the Committee if further training was required this year, all but 1 member in favour of further training. Anyone not trained in 3 years together with new trainees needs further training as do those trained who have delivered many jabs. Numbers and prices to be confirmed. CHS also created some marketing materials last year, on and inside buses, the question JB put to the committee was do we want CHS to repeat the process again? The cost will depend on the number of buses, Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry buses were used for the publicity materials, it was by bus depot and route. Sandwell, Walsall and parts of Worcester are not participating at the moment. SD mentioned that all should be collaborating in the programme, moving forward and all supporting in the service when it is national. A tele conference is to be held in June, SD agreed to contact and speak to areas not participating to discuss joining the advertising campaign and assistance with costs. Radio advertising was discussed, SN mentioned the idea of hospital radio.

Commissioned Services that CHS are working on are Stop Smoking in Coventry, Sandwell and 4 more areas, after 9 months they are looking at a turnover of £245,000, the percentage achieved is how they are doing against the target set by the commissioner. In some places the service has just started or the delivery by the contractor in that geography is less than what was anticipated. In April 19 the service is delivering more than the target set for the year. The costs can be viewed on slide format. Gordon Hockey was invited to the S&O Committee meeting as he was doing a lot of work nationally for provider companies There are some changes and a proposal to the LPC at a future date. Options to be explored and discussed with the screening oversight committee. JB circulated Gordon Hockey's presentation and made reference that Gordon Hockey is pro-actively seeking LPC support to set up provider companies, he was pleased with what the LPC was doing.

CHS to support contractors to deliver private services:

1. A private UTI service based on the Staffordshire model, which is now in the advanced stage, we have the manufacturers of Macrobid, they now have their PGD signed off and just going through final regulations this will mean that they will provide BSol LPC with PGD. The opportunities are that any contractor can deliver a UTI service which will enable a supply of Macrobid for the confirmed infected patient with a UTI (bacterial) and not nonbacterial conditions, the SPC for Macrobid has to be reflected in the PGD .This should materialise over the next couple of months and then launch it to the contractors who will have the PGD and clinical explained to them .All training for this will be online.

2. Charging for the Macrobid is the decision of the pharmacy offering the private service but the service fee should reflect the cost of the Macrobid and time. JB attended the Cogora Conference and there was a company offering travel health training free of charge with additional yellow fever training, CHS to explore this avenue. JB also attended a talk on CBD and the enquiries of stock and supply from pharmacists. A possible future invite to the company to attend as guest speaker to the BSol LPC meeting.

NHS England Matters

Work is in hand to merge the West Midlands NHS England with Staffordshire and Shropshire NHS England and may include others. Richard Yeasby, the NHS England director is overseeing the merger and structure, Amanda Almass is a key player in the Staffordshire and Shropshire NHS England. Janet Smith is the local officer who will investigate Incident reports and complaints.

Brexit has been discussed as to what happens now. New letters have been released with regards to stockpiling on medication.

D.M.I.R.S- Digital Minor Injury Referral Service not yet in the West Midlands. Evidence from areas that provide this service out of NHS 111 is suggesting that 2.2 % of the calls that go into NHS 111 are available to offer the D.M.I.R service and 50 % are resolved by the pharmacy referral mechanism. There is hope that this service will include referrals from GPs. There is a consultation fee for D.M.I.R.S. for the pharmacist and the patient pays for the product if a product is recommended. £14.00 for a referral.

Pre-PSRC is the Pharmaceutical Services Regulation Committee for NHS England. Regulatory, fitness to practice and all items that BSol LPC are involved with regards to Contract Applications, relocations etc, it all goes to PSRC. CPWM footprint. As there has been no meeting since December, JB contacted Michelle Deenah to arrange a meeting to discuss Birmingham contractor items that need processing. One of the things that links to PSRC is Staffordshire's E.N.T. PGD led services. There is also an ear service, a sore throat service, an impetigo service, a dermatology service and a UTI service all prescription led solutions. JB/CPWM need to work towards a standardised offer across the new NHSE foot print

A Transfer of Care pathway (discharge) is a likely service which needs to be developed by CPWM and NHS will eventually commission.

LPC Chairs and Secretaries Group – CPWM

JB circulated and pasted an email he received. CPWM now includes North Staffordshire, South Staffordshire and Shropshire and has been confirmed, the data for the PCN's is being worked on. PSRC meeting is due soon.

There is a GSK sponsored evening COPD, invites have been dispatched, it will include CPPE to get the re validation of pier group discussion happening with a view to some inhaler technique training and upskill pharmacists, primarily have a discussion with a peer before the September submission.

Residual Money in CPWM is worth £10.86 per contractor. JB has agreed with the 3 new LPC's is they will contribute an additional £10.86 per contractor, the workplan will be created to see how effectively this can be spent.

Inputs and comments from all LPC members, no objections have been made therefore a proposal to adopt as a working document for the next 12-month period agreed by all.

CCG Matters

Medicine optimisation in care homes – update

Boots have their induction day on Friday 24th May in Birmingham. Boots have also been involved in the Derby MOCH, which is slightly different but are working well. The CCG are very interested in the Birmingham event identifying hospital admissions and care homes, they identify that community pharmacy is important. JB is attending an Anti-Microbial resistance steering group co-chaired by NHS England and Public Health on Tuesday 21st May, they are aware there is a pharmacy AMR campaign which is September, there will be other organisations with their own AMR campaigns but tying into the day.

Boots are taking two of the sites, Harbourne and Solihull and there is a third site which is an independent contractor. Boots have now recruited the pharmacist, 2 independent subscribers starting the programme and 2 part time technicians starting in April. Independent contractors are also on track to start in April and a prescribing training course is due, and projects for students was suggested for further progress and information.

Chief Officer's Report

Professor Mark Das Gupta has invited JB to the Senior Pharmacists meeting, chief pharmacists from the trusts will be in attendance.

Any Other Business

AMR has been shortlisted for the national awards.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 17th June 2019 – Becketts Farm

Authority to Chair and Officers

Authority was granted to the Chairman and Officers to act on behalf of the Committee in all matters of urgency until the next meeting of the Committee.

Sub Committee Working

Actions from B Sol Sub-groups 20th May 2019

Action	Who	When	Completed
Finance			
No actions other than from main meeting			
Communications			
Just B Sol website available and mail chimp lists			
Approved open meeting minutes to be posted on website from April 2019 once approved	SP	May meeting	
Comms to contractors re MURs	MP	End May	

Comms to contractors re CPAF	MP	End May	
Comms to contractors re NHS Mail requirements from NHSE W Mids	MP		
Contract Applications			
Outcomes of discussions to be shared	SD	21 st May	
LPC responses to be sent by deadlines	JB		Y
Governance			
Amend the Governance Framework report on PharmOutomes to reflect changes	SN	End May	
Clarify "Unrelated"	C McN	June meeting	
Confirm whether Expenses policy amendment required for shared working	C McN	June meeting	
Services Development			
Present 1-pager to committee of evidence of success and value	SDOs	June meeting	
CCA LPC members to share contact details where SDO support can be offered	DGH, HE, SK, MD	June meeting	
Generate NMS business cards x 2 for sharing on visits	SDO	May	Y
Contractor meeting to promote new services and opportunities	JB	End July	