

BIIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of Birmingham and Solihull Local Pharmaceutical Committee held at 9.30am on Monday, 21st October 2019 at Becketts Farm Conference Centre, Heath Farm, Wythall B47 6AJ.

PRESENT:

Miss H. Elliott (in the Chair)

Mr. J. Blankley (LPC Chief Officer)

Mr. Z. Chishti

Mr. S. Melwani

Mr. L. Dalton

Mr. A. Pancholi

Mr. S. Dhami

Mr. S. Panesar

Miss M. Dhanjal

Mr. C. Parmar

Mr. M. Eshak

Mr. M. Paul

Mr. D. Gallier-Harris

Mr. D. Zeitoune

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs V. Morley - Service Development Officer

Mr. H. Sadhra - Corporate Governance Officer

Mr. T. Wedgbury – LPC Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. Esmail and Mr. M. Ismail as well as from Miss K. Begum, Service Development Officer and Mrs. C. McNidder, LPC Treasurer.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage. During the course of the meeting, LD declared an interest in some agenda items as they arose, in his capacity as a Director of CHS Ltd. (See Minutes No 14 and 15).

4. MINUTES OF THE OPEN PART OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2019.

The Minutes of the Open part of the meeting held on 16th September 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record. (Proposer -ZC Seconder-SD).

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN PART OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2019 (OTHER THAN THOSE INCLUDED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA).

(a) DHSC Consultation on proposed Drug Tariff reimbursement reforms

TW confirmed that he had submitted comments to DHSC on behalf of the Committee in response to the consultation on proposed Drug Tariff reimbursement reforms. He reminded the Committee that he had circulated a copy to all members. He added that an acknowledgment had been received from DHSC and that a full formal response to the consultation exercise was now awaited. Members noted this. SD commented that he felt that the response submitted had been very good.

(b) “Glossary of Terms “

TW drew members’ attention to the first version of the “Glossary of Terms” that he had produced and circulated, as requested. He said that this would be updated after each meeting as new items arose. He suggested that a second document, a “Who’s Who” of stakeholders’ names and roles mentioned during meetings and in correspondence might also be helpful. Members agreed with this suggestion. TW undertook to produce this on a similar basis to the “Glossary of Terms” document.

6. ACTION POINTS

The Committee reviewed the Action Points from the last meeting, Members noted updates on each of them, making new decisions, as appropriate (See below).

7. NEW CONTRACT APPLICATIONS /PHARMACEUTICAL LIST MATTERS

TW briefed members on current cases. Members noted this report. A brief discussion ensued. Various members enquired about Change of Ownership cases of which they were aware, about which the Committee had received no information from NHSE/PCSE. JB and TW undertook to look into this.

8. COMMUNITY PHARMACY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

JB brought members up to date with developments nationally and locally with regard to the new CPCF funding agreement and related matters. Discussion ensued on a number of matters.

(a) PSNC Roadshows and NPA Forum

Members who had attended the PSNC Roadshow and NPA Forum on 29th September 2019 reported on these event

(b) Community Pharmacist Consultation Service

JB briefed members on recent meetings that he had attended in relation to the forthcoming change of contract from Care UK to WMAS as the provider of the local NHS 111 service, given its' importance for community pharmacy and, in particular, the imminent introduction of the new CPCS service.

In the ensuing discussion, members considered whether it would be useful to arrange an evening session for contractors purely about the CPCS service, in addition to the session that would form part of the all-day event to be held on Sunday, 10th November 2019. Whilst members recognised the need for the new service to be delivered well, on balance, they felt that the advice most needed by contractors at this stage is largely operational. As such, it was agreed that, rather than hold an evening session, key advice could be set out in a Mailchimp communication to all contractors. It was agreed to review the possible need for a separate evening session at the next meeting.

SM said that it was important that the Committee should also consider the needs of all of the CCA companies' pharmacies as part of the overall support package. Other members agreed. JB undertook to seek clarification from the CCA about what each of the member companies is doing and might need locally by way of support.

(c) Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)

Members noted that the Healthy Living Pharmacy scheme would become an Essential Service with effect from 1st April 2020 and, therefore, be a Terms of Service requirement for all contractors. It was also noted that the period covered by a self-accreditation declaration is being extended from two years to three years, which members welcomed.

In the ensuing discussion, members considered support for those contractors whose pharmacies appear, from RSPH data and other sources, not yet to have achieved or declared HLP status. It was agreed, in principle, that those contractors should be supported as other contractors had been previously. Possible support considered included commissioning CHS Ltd or Ms. M. Dyoss to offer training and accreditation, as appropriate. It was agreed to write contractors who appear not to have achieved HLP status setting out their obligations and

offering the LPC's support. It was further agreed to consider this matter again at the next meeting.

(d) Public Health Campaigns

Reminding members that the AMR campaign had finished on 30th September 2019 and that the Stoptober campaign was now underway and would run until 31st October 2019, JB said that there was nothing else to report

(e) Contractor support events

JB outlined the arrangements that were being made for the all-day contractor event that would take place on Sunday 10th November 2019, as well as the content the day. He showed members the draft set of slides that he was in the process of producing. A brief discussion ensued.

9. PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS

JB brought members up to date with developments nationally and locally with regard to the establishment of Primary Care Networks and supporting contractors to engage with them. He referred, in particular, to the work that was continuing and being led by the SDOs to develop the database aligning contractors to PCNs. He also outlined the work that HS was doing to develop governance guidance in relation to the identification of community pharmacy leads for each of the PCNs. JB added that he had now obtained a list of the names of the Clinical Directors for all of the local PCNs. He said that this information would be incorporated into the database.

SM supplemented this report, giving more information about matters that had been discussed by the PCN sub-committee at its' meeting on 18th October 2019. He summarised the sub-committee's discussions about the process to be followed to identify PCN Pharmacy Leads, in line with recent PSNC guidance. Members noted this. JB and SM undertook to keep members updated. JB said that he would circulate an updated spreadsheet, as he and the SDOs move to the second phase of work.

10. PSNC MATTERS

(a) Annual Conference of LPCs, London, 25th September 2019.

HE and JB reported on matters that had been discussed at the Annual Conference of LPCs that had taken place in London on 25th September 2019. Members noted these reports. A brief discussion ensued.

(b) Provider Company event, London, 24th September 2019.

HE reported on the PSNC's Provider Company event that had taken place in London on 24th September 2019. She undertook to circulate copies of the slides from the

day, for members' information. Members noted the report. A brief discussion ensued.

11. SERVICES FOR DRUG MISUSERS

Reminding members about the discussion at the last meeting, JB reported that he had obtained clarification from CGL that the data that he had received only relates to fees paid to contractors and excludes drug costs. Members noted this.

With regard to the Solihull MBC services, DGH reported that SIAS had recently updated the PharmOutcomes proforma. He undertook to let SP have details of this for addition to the LPC website. A discussion ensued. Members expressed a number of concerns about the operation and development of both Services for Drug Misusers in Solihull. JB undertook to arrange a meeting with SMBC/SIAS colleagues to discuss these concerns.

12. SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

With regard to the Birmingham Umbrella Service, JB reported on matters that had been discussed at the latest meeting of the Pharmacy Operational Group. CP supplemented this report. Members noted these reports. A brief discussion ensued.

13. SMOKING CESSATION SERVICES

Reminding members about the discussion at the last meeting, JB reported on a meeting that he and TW had had with Mrs.K.Lee, Birmingham City Council, when the points raised by the Committee had been discussed, together with matters raised at the training evening held on 19th September 2019. TW supplemented this report. A brief discussion ensued. JB undertook to keep members informed about developments with regard to these matters.

JB also brought members up to date with regard to the Solihull MBC service, Members agreed that the slow development of the Solihull service was disappointing. It was agreed that discussions should continue with Solihull MBC with a view to expanding the service as soon as possible.

14. LPC CHAIRS AND SECRETARIES GROUP (CPWM)

JB reported on matters that had been discussed at the latest meeting of the LPC Chairs and Secretaries Group (CPWM) that had taken place on 8th October 2019. He referred, in particular, to the question of the loan repayments by CHS Ltd and said that the Group would make a decision on this at its' next meeting. LD declared his interest in this matter, as a Director of CHS Ltd, and took no part in the discussion about it. Member noted this report. A brief discussion ensued.

15. CHS Ltd

LD declared his interest in this matter, as a Director of CHS Ltd, and took no part in the discussion of this item.

JB said that, as he had reported earlier in the meeting, (See Minute No 14), the question of the loan repayments by CHS Ltd would be discussed at the next meeting of the LPC Chairs and Secretaries Group (CPWM). Members noted this

16. NHS ENGLAND MATTERS

(a) TCAM project

JB said that there was nothing new to report.

17. CCG MATTERS

(a) MOCH project

JB said that there was nothing new to report.

(b) Senior Pharmacists Group

JB said that there was nothing new to report.

(c) MECS

Reminding members about previous discussions about the operation of the MECS schemes in BSoI CCG and SWB CCG, JB said that he was awaiting clarification from both CCGs about various aspects of the SLAs, with a view to issuing updated guidance to contractors.

18. CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Meeting with Birmingham LMC Officers

JB reported on matters that had been discussed at the latest meeting with Birmingham LMC Officers that had taken place on 23rd September 2019. TW supplemented this report. Members noted these reports. A brief discussion took place.

19. SUB-COMMITTEES

(a) Finance and Budgets

It was noted that the Finance and Budgets sub-committee had met earlier in the day and that a report would be made in the Confidential part of the meeting.

It was agreed that the other sub-committees did not need to meet on this occasion.

The Committee then went on to consider items of confidential business