

BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES from the 15th January 2024 Meeting from 09.30

At MW Phillips Shady Lane, Birmingham B44 9ET

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Present: RB (Chair) UM MoD SD SP ME MT AP MP (am) NK(pm)
JB VM
Apols: AE AB
CMcN HS

Announcements:

Shalina attended the meeting and updated members on CP/ICB matters.
Wendy Loveridge (BLMC) sent her apologies. Subject to health, invite her to
March 2024 meeting

JB

Declarations of interest: Annual declarations update deferred until Feb 2024
New DoI for Item 3

HS
SP

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Members approved the minutes from the Dec 2023 meeting.

Proposed SD

Seconded ME

Members noted the actions were completed or included on the Jan 24 agenda

3. NEW CONTRACT APPLICATIONS / PHARMACEUTICAL LIST MATTERS

Members noted the correspondence received from NHSE/PCSE since the last meeting.

New Applications

Application for inclusion in a pharmaceutical list at Unit 2, Central
Square, Erdington High Street, Birmingham B23 6RY in respect of
distance selling premises by JNSF Pharma Limited - GRANTED

Relocations

Ref:ME802- CAS-71582-K8L6B2

Please note the pharmacy previously at First floor, 99 Spring Road, Tyseley,
Birmingham, West Midlands, B11 3DJ will start to provide pharmaceutical services
from 4 Poplar Road, Birmingham, West Midlands, B11 1UH on 06th December 2021.

CAS-217044-K5T6V8

No significant change relocation to Yardley Green Medical Centre, Yardley Green Road, Bordesley Green, Birmingham, B9 5PU by Mohammedi Healthcare Limited – GRANTED

Consolidations

CAS-242591-G2N6G0

Consolidation onto the site at 2154a – 2156 Coventry Road, Sheldon, Birmingham, B26 3JB of Pan Pharmacy already at that site and Pan Pharmacy currently at 2222 Coventry Road, Sheldon, Birmingham, B26 3JH. – REFUSED
The committee (PSRC) refused this application. Regulation 26(a)(5)(a) had not been met as this consolidation would create a gap in pharmaceutical services. The committee were not satisfied that in granting the application the current provision of pharmaceutical services offering core opening hours on a Sunday within the locality would be maintained. Queried with CPE and indeed the application was refused because of core hours in existing contract on Sundays, which is unusual. Contractor to consider further.

Changes to CORE hours

Nothing to report.

Changes of SUPPLEMENTARY hours

Nothing to report.

Changes of ownership

Please note that with effect from 9th December 2023, the pharmacy at 110 Church Lane, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, B20 2ES will be operated by MBA Pharma Ltd

CAS-260701-Y8M4F6

Please note that with effect from 1st January 2024 the pharmacy at 32-32a High Street, Erdington, Birmingham, West Midlands, B23 6RH will be operated by Clinpharm Care Ltd.

CAS-152230-R2H9H8

Please note the pharmacy previously at 7 Perry Common Road, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 7AB will start to provide pharmaceutical services from 194 Streetly Road, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 7AL on 2nd January 2024.

Closures

Nothing to report.

4. CPE MATTERS & FUNDING

Members reviewed the updates from the 7th & 21st December 2023 CPE/LPC Ops Team (CLOT) meetings.

Members also receive a PCARP (Pharmacy First) update and noted the documents circulated with agenda:

Contractor upskilling and engagement plans
The LPC Delivery Plan
The LPC's PF Ops Support Session outline
The CPE Briefing for LMCs & GPs 041/23
The CPE PHARMACIST Checklist for PF
The CPE Briefing for Pharmacy Teams
The CPE PHARMACY OWNER Checklist for PF
The PF FINAL Service Specification

The CO provided a verbal update from the first support sessions on 14th January when 2 sessions each with 55 attendees were delivered. Feedback from the delegates on the day was positive and reinforced by SP who was an attendee. The sessions delivered collaboratively were co-produced with the BC LPCs And will be repeated on 21st & 28th Jan 2024

Additional sessions of CPPE ENT practical training booked/planned for 11th Feb & 3rd March. Demand remains high from contractors. A further session is planned end June to pick up newly qualified and career break returners.

A pack of information was provided to all attendees and this proved very popular. Slide deck and the e-file of the attachments to be shared on websites JB

Costs to be shared and to be drawn from the NHS MOU money so no exposure from contractor levy account

Members received the CPE Regional Reps' update from November/December meeting. Invite JH to March meeting JB

Members noted the CPE bundle check for a B Sol contractor which was 1005 accurate, when checked.

Members reviewed the CPE governance recommendations for LPCs for implementation by April 24.

Questions were raised about the CPE content and clarity to be sought JB

Provide some LPC options to take this forward HS

Members were reluctant to lose the existing independent and impartial Governance Officer - to be replaced by a subcommittee from non-exec committee members all of whom cannot be truly independent...because they are (or represent) contractors in B Sol.

Share all new Governance documents with members with Jan meeting minutes JB

Add to Feb meeting agenda with GO to lead HS

Members deferred a timetable to review Dropbox until the governance arrangements are confirmed.

5. LOCAL COMMISSIONED ENHANCED SERVICES

Members received updates from, and commented on, locally commissioned services from:

CGL

To report that the telephone system is not as good as it has been with contractors choosing to use generic emails so time stamps and response times could be monitored.

JB

Raised with KR (CGL) after the meeting. The south hub remains out of action following the flood, so sensible to use email rather than phone. KR will highlight within CGL and circulate a note to contractors. Also post meeting KR will urge a review of NSP service fees and a consideration of an attendance allowance for contractors attending training and upskilling sessions.

Umbrella

The Chief Officer updated members following the review meeting on 9th Jan. Tho Lam (WM Brown) supported the LPC. The bid for the BCC sexual health tender has now been submitted and the outcome is awaited. Th CO provided an update on reality in the CP Network. PGDs that expire end March 2024 will be update before expiry.

Contract extension needs to be confirmed.

JB

There will be TV adverts for Umbrella on Sky TV 1st – 28th April.

Subsequent to the meeting, it has been confirmed UHB (Umbrella) is the chosen provider for SH services in Birmingham (and Solihull).

Smoking (Birmingham)

Members received the BCC Smoking Newsletter – which covered far more than smoking! BCC will have mailed directly to CP providers.

Solihull MBC

Nothing to report.

PNA Update:

Members received all the Birmingham CC community pharmacy changes in 2023. CO still trying to influence deferment of work until H2 24/25 when the new PNA data will be gathered. Waiting for next steps. Correction to be requested for Zenith

JB

6. LPC CHAIRS AND SECRETARIES GROUP (CPM)

No update

7. NHS ENGLAND MATTERS

NHSE funding – MOU

No update

NMS

Members received the SDO/BSA tracker and graph for Sept 23.
And noted: 7852 NMSs claimed from 250 contractors with 59 zeros
+65% v Sep 22 and 10 contractors delivered >100 NMSs in the month.

DMS

Members received the SDO/BSA tracker and graph for Oct 23.
No significant activity from B Sol trusts. Issue raised verbally with
NHSE nationally by CPE but little reaction (with everything else going on)

Autumn vaccination services

No update

GP CPCS

Members received the SDO/NHSE tracker and graph for Nov 23
And noted: 2472 referrals from 81 GPs (best ever) and
132 CPs participating (best ever) +150% v Nov LY,
Members also received the ICB's (SA) data showing Y on Y growth.
This is the first full month the GPs had the ITK software enabled.
With ITK comes more information relating to "dropped" referrals:
139 dropped referrals with reasons included:
-got better 13
-failed to attend 31
-gone elsewhere 21
-IT 7
-uncontactable 7
-other 23. SDO monitoring

Finally, members received the NHSE Oversight presentation which shows
ICB referral comparisons -B Sol Number 1 😊
And the impact of ITK can be seen.

Extended Care Services

Members received the NHSE trend information and 7day follow up data.
SDO checked in with significant exceptions. Becoming less important as the
service will be decommissioned soon after Pharmacy First launches.

NHS Hypertension Case Finding Service

Members received the SDO/BSA tracker and graph for Sept 23.
And noted: 3906 Bp checks claimed (+82% v LY) and 164 ABPMs claimed
(+169% v LY). 13 contractors claimed >100 Bp checks and 8 out of these
13 claimed no ABPMs.

NHS Smoking Cessation Advanced Service

Members received the SDO/BSA tracker and graph for Sept 23
Low levels of activity – 5 referrals from just 2 contractors

NHS Contraception Advanced Service

Members received the SDO/BSA tracker and graph for Sept 23
And noted: 108 consultations provided by 9 contractors in the month.
Star is Walkers (75)
Registration guidance for contractors was shared together with the Virtual Outcomes Contraception flyer.

PhIF

NMS Pilot in depression - no update

NHSE Weekly Meeting (MAPCOG)

The letter from David Webb ChPO England was shared and the latest data on the completion of the Workforce Survey.

Rota

The first draft for Spring BHs' rotas was shared with LPCs. Some inaccurate/incomplete opening declarations making this information unreliable at this stage.

Members reported pleasing activity on Dec/Jan rotas with NHS 111 linking to pharmacies directed to open. Share feedback with NHSE

JB

CD Local Intelligence Network

Members received the draft minutes from the Nov CD LIN meeting and the CD LIN Winter Newsletter following all systems' LINs.

LPN Funding

Members noted £25,000 to be provided to LPC for 23/24 with MOU from the LPN. Chief Officer to complete the paperwork

JB

8. ICS DEVELOPMENT

Members received:

IP presentation slide deck for CPCLs
IP readiness checklist for pathfinder sites
IP FAQs for pathfinder sites

WT&E's engagement plan for contractors
(for Foundation Year employer registrations, IP and LPCs)

Members agree to dial in to the Drop-in sessions shared
immediately after the meeting (JB) to provide concerns about the plan from a contractor's point of view

Members

V2 of the B Sol Faculty Pharmacist (and tech) workforce risk

Doc for escalation to ICB People Board. Final version to be shared

JB

Shalina's update:

Share presentation with meeting minutes JB
Remind contractors of NHS111 professional helpline (*7) JB
IP Pathfinder – go-live likely to be end Jan providing all systems are approved and functional. 4 sites are on track with readiness checklists.
Pharmacy First – still expecting 31st Jan launch assuming IT is ready.
GP Connect for PF is going to be close.
Engagement with practices (GPs, Practice Managers & PCN Managers) happening. Some positive responses already. Message loud and clear about continuing to make referrals (into PF). 270/307 contractors already signed up
CPCS – continues to see increasing trend from GPs now ITK is available.
ExCS – increases in UTI seen month on month. Seasonal decrease seen with infected insect bites. Suggested new treatments (once this is de-commissioned): sunburn, hay fever, >17 Otitis, Bp > AF.
DMS – limited activity from ROH & BSMHFT. Impasse remains with UHB
BWCH is planning big IT upgrade so nothing from them in the short term.

9. CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

The AIMP doc shared in Dec was discussed and members agreed for CO to report views of the committee collectively to CPE and seek Clarification around CPE member proportional representation reviews as the sector numbers change. JB

10. FINANCE

Members agreed to a monthly levy reduction to reflect the reductions in the number of contractors contributing to the levy each month (342 in 2018 > 307 in 2023). £17k pm > £15k pm = £24k reduction pa which is achievable due to ongoing sensible cost controls. Treasurer to action CMcN

12. AOB

The CO reported the confidential matter relating on ONE contractor had been resolved.

Healthwatch were planning to seek views from Birmingham residents about the service received from community pharmacy in Q4 23/24

The CO was expecting an invite to attend the BLMC meeting over the next couple of months.

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members agreed the dates for Q4 meetings:

Jan-24	Shady Lane	15th	F2F	09.30 - 17.00
Feb-24		19th	Virt	15.00 - 17.30
Mar-24	Becketts Farm	18th	F2F	09.30 - 17.00

To add to diaries

Members

To approve authority to chair and officers

Members

Action Summary

Item	Action	Who	When
1. Welcome	Seek to re-arrange Steve McCabe's visit to the LPC meeting. Confirm all annual declarations are completed for 23/24 Invite BLMC Secretary (Wendy) to March meeting	AP HS JB	2024 Feb 24 Feb 24
4. CPE Matters	Invite JH (CPE Reg Rep) to Mar 2024 meeting. Seek answers to Qs posed by members from Governance presentation. Share Governance documents with members. Propose Governance options for the committee to consider. Add Governance to the Feb Meeting agenda. Share LPC Support session presentation and attachments	JB JB JB HS JB JB	Jan 24 Jan Jan Feb Jan Feb
5. Local Services	Report concerns re telephone responses from CGL Clarify the contractual arrangements with Umbrella Provide correction to PNA information from BCC	JB JB JB	Jan Jan Jan
7. NHS Services	Share feedback re NHS 111 referrals sent to rota pharmacies over Dec/Jan Complete process to receive LPN funds	JB JB	Jan Feb
8. ICS Matters	Dial in to WT&E sessions to raise contractor concerns re IP and Foundation year recruitment (ORIEL) Share B Sol Pharmacy Faculty risk/concerns report re future staffing numbers with members and escalate. Share Shalina's presentation. Remind contractors of NHS111 service details inc *7	Members JB JB JB>Comms	Jan/ Feb Feb Jan Jan
9. CO Report	Escalate committee's view re CPE proportional representation	JB	Feb
11. Finance	Arrange monthly levy of £15k pm from April 2024	CMcN	Feb