

BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES from the 21st October 2024 Virtual Meeting from 15.00

A reminder of the Code of Conduct which sets out the values and behaviours that the LPC expects of committee members, to best support their work and the long-term success of community pharmacy in England

We ask that guests respect any confidential, sensitive, or controversial matters and do not share outside of the meeting.

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Present: RB (Chair) ME MP SD MT AP SP UM MoD
JB VC KB

Apols: AE NK
CMcN

Announcements:

Members congratulated Muhammad Zaheer (Shellye's) who won the Independent Pharmacy "Prescriber of the Year" award in London

Jas Heer and Shalina joined for part of the meeting.

Declarations of interest.

It was noted all the new code of conduct and Dols for 24/25, had been signed and returned by members. Thank you.

Members received a copy of the (blank) Independent Voting Paper for LPC vacancy

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Members approved the minutes from the Sept 2024 meeting.

Proposed: UM

Seconded: SP

And noted the actions from the September meeting were completed or included on the October agenda

Members also received the draft minutes of the 23/24 AGM
– for approval and ratification by contractors in Sept 2025

3. NEW CONTRACT APPLICATIONS / PHARMACEUTICAL LIST MATTERS

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

New Applications

Change of Ownership

CAS-304639-N3Y6G0

Please note that with effect from 10th October 2024 the pharmacy at 1518 Stratford Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 9ET will be operated by S&S Medical Ltd

Relocations

CAS-288823-B0Q9D8

Please note the distance selling pharmacy previously at 153a Stamford Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B20 3PS will start to provide pharmaceutical services from Unit 2, Forge Industrial Park, Forge Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, B76 1AJ on 14th October 2024.

Consolidations

Nothing to report

Changes to CORE hours

Nothing to report

Changes of SUPPLEMENTARY hours

Nothing to report

Closures

Nothing to report

Appeals

Nothing to report

4. CPE MATTERS & FUNDING

Members reviewed the 26th Sept 2024 CPE/LPC Ops Team (CLOT) meeting notes.

Members to note these are confidential notes shared with LPCs and Chief Officers only

Conference of LPC representatives – 7th November in London is a fully in-person event. Invitees include Stephen Kinnock MP, the Minister of State for Care, Department of Health and Social Care, and David Webb, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England. Attendees registered: JB RB NK SP AP. Individuals to make own travel arrangements

Members received:

a summary of the Darzi Report

a summary report from the CP Workforce survey in 2023

And noted plans to repeat this survey later this year.

the NHSE Winter campaign materials supporting PCARP and Winter Pressures
the Committee Composition presentation from CPE
Jas Heer's Regional Reps's presentation from CPE's September meeting
Members noted the recently announced lowering of PF Thresholds.
A Q&A followed

The actions from Jas's session:

To continue to press for a 40-hour contractual easement along the same lines as the 100-hour change and to share the proposal from Wales (SD > JH)

To seek to have clarity on the timeline to make the permanent adjustment to the composition of the CPE Board (in parallel with CLOT)

To seek a payment schedule to contractors for services the same as payment for dispensing

5. LOCAL COMMISSIONED ENHANCED SERVICES

Members were updated on and commented on locally commissioned services from:

CGL

A meeting with CGL and BCC was arranged to discuss a CP Buvidal injection service

The service spec from Scotland was shared. No further update yet!

The quarterly catch-up on 18th October was discussed and the snapshot to be shared with the minutes

JB

Please note BCC has come back to CGL with a proposed £40 fee for Buvidal administration
Discussions continue trying to increase this to £50 and with some setup fee

Umbrella

Members noted the retirement Maureen Black – Service Manager Umbrella and her replacement: Mr Lee Betteridge-Lyness. A catch up with Lee was arranged after the meeting with the needs of contractors explained again: contract, spec & fees. Understood by Lee who committed to re-open conversations with finance and contracting stakeholders in UHB. Share Umbrella activity summary with minutes which shows a continued decline in activity (largely OC consultations)

JB

Members provided feedback from attendees at the Update training in September

Smoking (Birmingham)

Members received the Smokefree Generation Grant update (Aug 24) together with a verbal update from 17th October meeting

Members confirmed the late payments from BCC for Q1 have been received although reconciliation was proving time consuming and difficult but once completed, accuracy to be confirmed

AP/SP

Solihull MBC

No update

PNA

Members noted the B Sol PNA Steering Group formed and the first meeting is scheduled for 8th November 14.00. Add SD & SP to steering group invite JB

6. LPC CHAIRS AND SECRETARIES GROUP (CPWM)

No update

7. NHS ENGLAND MATTERS

Members receive updates from:

NHSE funding – MOU

PO received for £25k 24/25 and invoice submitted.

Post meeting 23/24 & 24/25 funds received. Need to agree a programme of work with LPN Chair (Satyan Kotecha)

NMS

Members received the SDO tracker and graph for June 2024

And noted: 10277 NMSs delivered (best ever again) from 263 contractors (+42% v LY). Top performers: Laser, Northbrook, Balsall Common

Overall occurrence rate of 0.5%, with 35 contractors achieving >1% of items NB 1% is the claiming ceiling per month and SDO highlighting the to affected contractors.

Quarterly 1-pager sent to contractors highlighting the ceiling.

Thanks to SDOs

DMS

No significant activity from B Sol trusts

6 DMS (4 completed) (June)

See Shalina's update (Item 8) and actions from November meeting with Jeff Aston

Autumn vaccination services

Members voiced concerns that the Covid fee was too low and needed to be adjusted due to lower co-administration with flu than anticipated.

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Pharmacy First

The SDO tracker and graph for June2024 was shared and members noted:

Month	Total	Total Av per participating contractor	Clinical Pathway Total	Av Pathway per participating contractor (threshold) (308-Col K)
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Feb	12107	48	3590	13.6
Mar	11932	48	3986	15.2
Apr	12219	49	4168	16.2
May	13942	55	4821	17.9
June	13009	52	4719	18.8

Members noted: 13009 claimed in total in June 2024 with 54 CPs **not** participating
4719 from pathway; 1785 sore throat and UTI 1149, 361 ear
Top performers: Shelley's Fakir & Tower. Thanks Vanessa

Members also received:
the BSA v ICB data for June 2024
the ICB PCARP raw data for June 2024

Extended Care Services

No Update

NHS Hypertension Case Finding Service

The SDO tracker and graph for June 2024 was shared
And members noted: 5912 Bp checks claimed in the month
(+19% v LY) Top performers: Jhoots, BSB, Beeches
460 ABPMs claimed (+86% v LY) and an occurrence rate of 8%
Top performers: Shelley's, BSB, Beeches

NHS Smoking Cessation Advanced Service

The SDO tracker and graph for June 2024 was shared
And members noted: 12 claims for the advanced service in the month (Daltons)

And draft postcard to support comms to contractors – UHB approval still awaited

Contraception

The SDO tracker and graph for June 2024 was shared
And members noted: 891 on-going contraception claims from 125 contractors
(top Oaks, BSB) – best ever
And 82 initiations from 8 contractors (Oaks)

PhIF

NMS in depression – no update

NHSE Weekly Meeting (MAPCOG)

Members received the CPAF FULL Questionnaire “completed” tracker
SDOs are supporting contractors listed to complete before the end Oct deadline

Members also received:
the Oversight Meeting notes from 16th September
the MAPCOG presentation from 24th September
And noted the complaints process

Rota

The non-responders list for Festive holidays' Directed Openings had been shared and non-responders being contacted

CD Local Intelligence Network

Nothing to report

8. ICS DEVELOPMENT

Shalina updated members:

PCN Engagement roles – aim to recruit one per locality (6). 5 offered 4 accepted
Inductions planned for Nov
CPCL attended all 6 locality meetings. More engagement with key staff
Summerfield UTC commenced PF referrals (3 most popular conditions)
Contraception service – events planned to increase confidence inc 12th Nov
IP Pathfinder – CLEO SOLO signed off in 2/4 locations (non-linked)
And under test with PMR-linked systems
Focus for Shalina – to increase awareness of PF across wider stakeholders
Eg BCC and childrens services, CVD clinical lead

Members received the MORAG statement re prescribing of generics and non-prescribing of branded generics which is being reviewed now in each system. SD shared an equivalent Statement from Wales inc an EQIA (Equality Impact Assessment)

9. CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chief Officer updated members on the issues with EPS nominations being changed without patient consent and the standardisation of the complaint's procedures for patients. Contractors to be aware of the GPhC (Regulate) comms and OWM comms (shared)

A Pharmacy Security poster was shared (issued via OWM NHS Team) following a spate of break-ins in B Sol & BC contractors.

Advice from LPC already re-issued to contractors via the Mailchimp

10. CHAIRS' FORUM

RB provided an update from the first meeting of the Forum of LPC Chairs on Wednesday 25th September 2024 in London at Woburn House Conference Centre, Woburn House, Tavistock Square.

11. GOVERNANCE

Members approved the outcome of the independent LPC member vote.

Minal Master received the most votes and was approved as the new independent member on the LPC. Communication to be sent to all candidates, followed by a general communication to contractors via the Mailchimp. Minal Master to be invited and welcomed to the November face to face meeting

JB > Comms

12. FINANCE

The LPC financial update for H1 24/25 was shared. Members noted on-budget so far

13. AOB

Members noted: the advanced notice that BCHFT will have access to EPS spine from Jan 2025 so more prescriptions are likely to be issued and maybe increasing patient choice. (ADHD meds & melatonin – more detail t/f)

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

Proposed dates:

Nov	18th	F2F	Beckets
Dec	16th	Virt	

To add to diaries

Members

To approve authority to chair and officers

Members

Action Summary

Item	Action	Who	When
4.CPE Matters	To continue to press for a 40-hour contractual easement along the same lines as the 100-hour change and to share the proposal from Wales	SD > JH	Oct
	To seek to have clarity on the timeline to make the permanent adjustment to the composition of the CPE Board (in parallel with CLOT)	JB JH	Oct
	To seek a payment schedule to contractors for services the same as payment for dispensing (in parallel with CLOT)	JB JH	Oct
	Escalate to CLOT Covid fee and co-administration rates	JB	Oct
5. Local Services	Share CGL's quarterly activity snapshot	JB	Oct
	Share Q1 Umbrella activity summary	JB	Oct
	Add SD & SP to the PNA Steering group invite for 8 th Nov	JB	Oct
11. Governance	Communication to be sent to all candidates, followed by a general communication to contractors via the Mailchimp.	JB>Comms	Oct
	Minal Master to be invited and welcomed to the November face to face meeting	JB	