

BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES from the 20th January 2025 Face to Face Meeting

at Shady Lane Birmingham B44 9ET from 09.30

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) SD MM SS UM AE ME NK AP
JB CMcN

Apologies: SP MP MT
VM KB

Announcements:

The afternoon was devoted to a review of 24/25 activity plan leading to planning and priorities for 25/26. The exec prepared the table top work before the 20th January

Jas Heer joined the meeting for a CPE update and lunch

Shalina joined the meeting for an ICB update and lunch

Annual Governance declaration received from SS. Thank you

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS

The minutes from the Dec 2024 meeting were approved.

Proposed: SD

Seconded: NK

Member noted the actions from December were completed

3. NEW CONTRACT APPLICATIONS / PHARMACEUTICAL LIST MATTERS

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

New Applications

CAS-334361-K3H0J1

Application for inclusion in a pharmaceutical list at Unit 3A Partons Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 6TA in respect of distance selling premises by Featherstone Healthcare Ltd.

This notification was sent to an exec@ email address and was not picked up. So, the LPC has not commented and the 45 day period has lapsed.

Change of Ownership

CAS-312115-X7X8N2

Change of ownership application for Avicenna Retail Ltd at 6 Farmhouse Way, Shelley Crescent, Monkspath, Solihull, B90 4EH – GRANTED

CAS-229522-J8W7J6

Change of ownership application for Grove Healthcare (Solihull) Limited at Pure Health Medical Limited, 3 Grove Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 2AG. *Further to my letter of 28/10/2024 I am writing to advise that the applicant has **withdrawn** the above application.*

Please note that with effect from 9th January 2025 the Avicenna Retail Ltd at 1709 High Street, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0LN will be operated by Knights Chemist Ltd

Relocations

Nothing to report

Consolidations

Nothing to report

Changes to CORE hours

Nothing to report

Changes of SUPPLEMENTARY hours

From 20th January 2025

Knights Pharmacy - FX156 4, Sunbury Road, Longbridge, Birmingham B21 4LJ
40 + 3 = 43 hours. 9 – 6 weekdays with 1 hours lunch plus 9 – 12 Sats

Closures

Nothing to report

Appeals

Nothing to report

4. CPE MATTERS & FUNDING

Members received an update from the 19th December CPE/LPC Ops Team (CLOT) meetings. And noted these are confidential notes shared with LPCs and Chief Officers only

Members also received with the agenda:

the CPCF Deadline tracker up to 31st March 2025

(Already shared with contractors). No additional deadlines were identified

a contractor's bundle check report (underpayment of £96 in £47k)

JH's update from CPE's November meeting had already been shared. So Jas updated members on developments:

despite misinformation in the media NO mandate received to commence negotiations (CPE<>DHSC), although there is an expectation it will be in the next week or so. Need to see urgent injection of funding and clarity about PQS and PCARP funding streams Disappointed that GPs have offer for consideration for 25/6 when CP hasn't received the 24/5 offer.

"So what" conversations happening so reaction/collective action if necessary can be swift, once offer made and needs at least 50% - 60% participation to make DHSC take notice....and this means CCA need to be active. Having some options BEFORE the offer is made needs to be happening (rather than waiting and seeing and then working out the next step). RB to highlight LPC's steer to CCA.

There needs to be a clear plan to accept or reject and wait for imposition

5. LOCAL COMMISSIONED ENHANCED SERVICES

Members were update and commented on locally commissioned services from:

CGL

No update

Umbrella

Steering Group meeting cancelled.

Smoking (Birmingham)

To receive the BCC's Quarterly update from November

Members also received an update on EoIs for a CVD screening service at major employers in Birmingham

Solihull MBC

No update

PNA

The draft outsourcing EoI shared with LPC before release. Online portal to be used.

Bids to be returned by 20th January 2025 for Feb 2025 mobilisation. CO to be on selection panel providing no conflicts

JB

6. LPC CHAIRS AND SECRETARIES GROUP (CPM)

Members noted the next meeting in Nottingham 29th Jan.

Update after the meeting

RB

7. NHS ENGLAND MATTERS

Members were update and commented on NHS services:

NHSE funding – MOU

The LPN payments have been received for 23/24 and 24/25. The MOU requires a specific workplan to be agreed with LPN Chair (Satyan Kotecha). Arrangements tbc. SK to be invited to RB's & JB's monthly catch up with SA (bi-monthly). To task him with IP<>DPP solutions and promotion of the NHS App

NMS

Members received the SDO tracker and graph for Sept 2024
And noted: 11221 NMSs delivered from 270 contractors
(+48% v LY). Top performers (>150): Tower, Nationwide, Laser, Vesey & Northbrook
Overall occurrence rate of 0.5%, with 14 contractors delivering >1% of items
NB 1% is the claiming ceiling per month (significantly lower than June 24)
Just 33 with zero activity (lowest). And 1 contractor outlier (SDO contacted)

DMS

No significant activity from B Sol trusts
9 DMS (7 completed) (Oct). The ICB update included progress with DMS (item 8). Also, CO to investigate progress/process from the new Midlands Metropolitan University Hospital

JB

Autumn vaccination services

The SDO Tracker is ready for data from October. Very few jobs delivered in Sept (maternity only). Members receive system vaccination data until 12th Dec (for comparisons). Still seems to be a below average activity reported.

Pharmacy First

Members received the SDO tracker and graph for Sept 2024

Month	Total	Total Av per participating contractor	Clinical Pathway Total	Av Pathway per participating contractor (threshold) (308-Col K)
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
July	13718	45	5022	19.3
Aug	13156	38	5037	19.0
Sept	13344	44	5369	20.6

And noted: 13344 claimed in total in Sep 2024 with 49 CPs **not** participating
5369 from pathway; 1792 sore throat and UTI 1631, 523 ear, 826 Insect Bites
Top performers (>100 pathways): Allcare, Shelleys

Extended Care Services

NHS OWM working to “un-pause” the two services.
Variation in support from ICBs slowing down progress.

NHS Hypertension Case Finding Service

Members received the SDO tracker and graph for Sept 2024
And noted: 7167 Bp checks claimed in the month (best ever)
(+84% v LY) Top performers (>200): Erdington DN, Northbrook, Summerfield
105 zero activity contractors
434 ABPMs claimed (+164% v LY) and an occurrence rate of 6.0%
220 zero activity contractors
Top performers (>20): Shelley's, BSB & Northbrook

NHS Smoking Cessation Advanced Service

Members received the SDO tracker and graph for Sept 2024
And noted: 13 claims for the advanced service in the month by 4 contractors

The postcard to support comms to contractors has been approved by UHB.
(After the meeting) Printing and distribution (to relevant hospital patients)
organised and comms to contractors to be arranged.

JB

Contraception

Members received the SDO tracker and graph for Sept 2024
And noted: 856 on-going contraception claims.
Top Performers (>90) Oaks, BSB. 199 zero activity.
And 164 initiations.
Top Performers (10) Kings, BSB, Oaks. 240 zero activity

The CPPE (Contraception)/LPC Support session for contractors on
9th February 2025 confirmed. Details of both sessions and booking links shared with
contractors. (Village Hotel Shirley). Flyers shared. NB at 26th Jan the morning CPPE
session is fully booked so a follow up flyer to be shared with contractors with no
CPPE am session link

JB

Members received the contractor 1-pager for contraception (first time) and link to
9th Feb event

PhIF

NMS in depression – no update

NHSE Weekly Meeting (MAPCOG)

Members received:
the Oversight Meeting notes from 7th Dec
the NHS OWM MAPCOG update

Rota

No feedback was received from members re: Festive directed openings

CD Local Intelligence Network

No update

8. ICS DEVELOPMENT

Members received an update from Shalina. Some excellent highlights and progress:

153,000 PF referrals since start in B Sol (35% from GPs)

24% of clinical pathways did NOT result in an antibiotic supply

New patient facing community pharmacy page on ICB's website

New show material and comms to wider stakeholders

¼ IP pathfinder sites active (Asterwells – 10th Jan)

Share presentation

JB

Members received the ICB draft 7-day prescribing guidance with LPC comments

No further feedback

The CO shared a request for IMOG representation

The Local Pharmaceutical Committee requested that the IMOC consider a community pharmacist representative at IMOC. The IMOC requested that the LPC representative write to the IMOC Chair.

To elaborate a little for context. BSol is one of the lowest users of category M branded generics, and we submitted the regional datasets to support the notion that there was inconsistency across regions and within regions. Historically, we have had recommendations around high strength co-codamol and ibuprofen gel, neither of which we would be looking to replicate. More recently, there has been some shift in Sulfasalazine but this has now corrected itself with market changes. As such, we're mindful of the MORAG guidance and of course will consider it if and when a proposal for adoption of category M branded generic is made. However, we don't agree that the document as written emphasises enough the fact that this is category M branded generics only.

CO to respond

JB

9. CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

Members were updated on the issues with EPS nominations being changed without patient consent and the standardisation of the complaint's procedures for patients.

Members received update to Foundation Year cross sector training for 26/27

(no longer mandatory for 3 months cross sector....although encouraged)

And discussed placements for 25/26 and were surprised at the number of OSPAP

Placements offered with B SOL CP where there was a confirmed DPP in place for the IP learning outcome.

10. CHAIR'S UPDATE

RB confirmed her nomination for the Vice Chair of Forum of LPC Chairs. (From James Wood).
Four chairs have put their names forward:

- Janice Perkins (Community Pharmacy Greater Manchester)
- Paul Jenks (Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire)
- Rachel Solanki (Community Pharmacy Hertfordshire)
- Rebecca Butterworth (Community Pharmacy Birmingham & Solihull)

Outcome tbc

RB

11. GOVERNANCE

Members agreed SS to join the Governance SC: UM, NK & SS

12. FINANCE

Q3 expenditure shared by Treasurer.

LPC on track to deliver according to 24/25 financial plan as well as converging on the lower reserve figure agreed earlier. Information considered as the 24/25 plan was reviewed and the 25/26 LPC Activity Plan scoped

Members

13. AOB

Members received CPPE's presentation (shared with November's minutes)

14. FUTURE MEETINGS: Proposed dates:

	Community Pharmacy Birmingham & Solihull		
	Monthly Routine	Type	Timing
Month	3rd Monday		09.30 - 16.00
Jan	20	F2F SL	09.30 - 16.00
Feb	17	Virt - Zoom	15.00 - 17.30
Mar	17	F2F Beck	09.30 - 16.00
Apr	14*	Virt - Zoom	15.00 - 17.30
May	19	F2F SL	09.30 - 16.00
Jun	16	Virt - Zoom	15.00 - 17.30
Jul	21	F2F Beck	09.30 - 16.00
Aug			
Sep	15	F2F SL	09.30 - 16.00
Oct	20	Virt - Zoom	15.00 - 17.30
Nov	17	F2F Beck	09.30 - 16.00
Dec	15	Virt - Zoom	15.00 - 17.30

To approve add to diaries
To approve authority to chair and officers

Members
Members

The afternoon development session

Members reviewed the CP B Sol plan for 24/25 (driven by the 23/24 review) and discussed the assessments from the exec meeting on 10th Jan and added comments:

Is this still the template for 25/26? - YES
What needs to continue?
What needs to change?
What needs to stop?
And what needs to start?

These comments to be aggregated into an updated master and shared with members for review.

JB

Bring this updated plan to the March face to face meeting and have further discussions on what the new contractual framework for 25/26 looks like and what actions are needed from the LPC to support contractors

Members

The financials were reviewed against the 24/25 budget
It was noted the LPC remains on track to achieve budget at the end of Q3

Action Summary

Item	Action	Who	When
4. CPE Matters	Encourage CCA to have clear actions planned before 24/25 funding offer is received which will be supported by other sectors	RB	Jan
5. Local Services	Continue with PNA Steering group activity	JB	Q2
6. CPM Meeting	Attend and report from January CPM meeting in Nottingham	RB	Feb
7. NHS Services	Investigate DMS referrals from the new MMUH	JB	Jan
	Get postcards to UHB and arrange comms to contractors	JB>Comms	Jan
	Resend 9 th Feb flyer to contractors for CPPE & LPC support sessions (with no CPPE am link)	JB>Comms	Jan
8. ICS Matters	Chase new date for a meeting with B Sol ICB CMO (Clara Day) with JB & RB	JB	Jan
	Share Shalina's presentation	JB	Jan
	Make representation for a CP place on IMOG	JB	Feb
Development Session	Update and share the LPC's 25/26 updated Operational Plan with members for review.	JB	Feb
	Organise another session to expand details following contractual framework announcements	JB Members	Mar