**Minutes of Walsall LPC Meeting, 13th April 2016**

**Present:**

Jay Patel - Chair Malkit Singh - Walkers

Chetan Rai – CCA Boots Fazal Rehman – AIMp

Sudheer Kamath – CCA Tesco Balraj Chohan - Beacon

Steve Hartshorne - KV Hartshorne Jas Pannu – Coalpool Pharmacy

Abs Bashir – AIMp Jyoti Vadukul, - CCA Lloyds

Jan Nicholls - CO

WCCG: Hema Patel

PH: Paulette Myers, Nicola Morris

**Welcome and Apologies:** Liz Mcpherson, Harj Sadhra, Daljit Sandhu, Paul Gnosill, Jyoti Saini

The meeting was preceded by planning groups.

**Update on Smoking Cessation and Tobacco Control** - Dr Myers and Nicola Morris.

* Although the perception is that client numbers are falling, smokers are four times more likely to quit with support,
* Use of illicit and counterfeit tobacco is on the increase, risk of unknown ingredients and effects on health, loss of tax revenue,
* Increase in E-cigarettes, long term effects unknown,
* 6 providers across the borough,
* Map updated monthly contains opening hours,
* Pregnant women access the service after 12 weeks, include leaflet with pregnancy test kits?
* eCig users welcome in the service – not an end point
* Shisha update
* Pharmacists encouraged to identify smokers and provide brief advice and referrals.

An electronic copy of the analyses shared with the group will be placed in the DBx as soon as available.

The group reviewed **March notes** with updates. There were no amendments.

**Actions & Matters Arising**

**MECS** - below

**CCG Update/Medicines Management** –Hema Patel

**There have still been no payments since October due to IT difficulties at LA (Janice Rowley).**

**PH Campaigns**

Cancer screening, package arriving end April.

**Flu**

Overall figures down on last year, though no as marked as some areas. First ’flu group July to facilitate earlier planning. Signs +ve for pharmacy service.

**MECS**

Hema’s colleague Bethan Emberton arived to cover MECS. The fee reflects expected activity ~ 1000/annum and extended formulary compared to Wolves offering more scope. There is no possibility of an increase to the £2.50 the LPC would accept as the budget has been sourced from savings in the opthalmic services.

EoIs will be sent out to contractors following sign-off and CCG guaging GP engagement – imminent. There is a contingency should pharmacists not embrace the service.

LPC have yet to receive the final SLA.

**Meeting & Event Reports**

**EPS**

Para from new support officer in post:

My name is James Walker and I am the new EPS Implementation Support Manager working with Stephen for your area. I have worked in the NHS for over 12 years now, focusing mostly on the implementation and support of primary care IT projects. Most recently, prior to joining HSCIC, I was part of the EPS implementation team at Dudley CCG in the West Midlands. My role involved introducing EPS to local GP surgeries, providing preparation guidance prior to go live, onsite support during go live, and usage support and guidance after go live. In my new role at the HSCIC I hope I can share my knowledge and experience to ensure all users have a positive outcome when using EPS. If you have any queries or questions please don’t hesitate to contact me on the details below. I look forward to meeting and working with you all.

**EPS Masterclass** sessions had been well-attended**,** though perhaps not to the anticipated high standard. Action *from March* - one contractor completed the survey and indicated a desire for mentoring. This will be considered at a future meeting.

**SCR** evenings have been arranged and place on the LPC website. Any team can book onto any event in the WM area – or more widely.

**WM Cluster, 12/04**

Walsall College had presented to the meeting – prospectus on the table.

Emma Bogle, BC DoS Lead had also attended the Cluster meeting. There had been a discussion over CCGs (Gloucester, Sheffield) who had “flexed” the NHS111 algorithm, increasing the activity in community pharmacy with a commensurate decrease in footfall in A&E and OOH services. Bethan was aware of the potential and felt it worth exploring.

Hema and Bethan left the meeting.

Closed Section

**Minor Eye Conditions**

**Report from LPC Strategy meeting**

Planning Process

Medicines Management

Manor Hospital

Campaign – “2016/17 and beyond…………”

Hub and Spoke Consultation

Finance report

Next meetings: May 11th (full list of 2016/17 dates in the DBx.)

Actions

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| *Smoking cessation reports -> DBx* | *Jan*  |  |  |
| *Contact Janice Rowley re lack of service payments*  | *Jan*  |  |  |
| *MECS follow-up* | *Jay, Jan* | √√ | √√ |
| *Invite EPS Implementation Manager, June* | *Jan* | √ | √ |
| *NHS111 opportunities* | *Bethan, Jan* |  |  |
| ***Planning actions for next meeting*** |  |  |  |
| *Skill audits -> Harj, copy Jan* | *all* |  |  |
| *Chetan – PO assessment, group changes -> template* | *Chetan* |  |  |
| *Edit folders in DBx* | *Jan* | √ |  |
| *Lobby HWBB/Cllrs* | *Jan* | √ | √ |
| *Info on outpatient Rxs PSNC/colleagues* | *Jan* | √√ | √√ |
| *LPC Member Day* | *Jan* | √√ | √√ |
| *Hub-and-Spoke consultation* | *all* | √ |  |
| *Contact likely non-contributing contractors* | *Jan* | √√ | √ |
| *Follow up with Capita* | *Jan* | √ |  |