

Minutes of Walsall Monthly Meeting 10th January 2018

Present:

Jay Patel - Chair

Harj Sadhra – Lloyds

Daljit Sandhu – Morrisons

Rosie Poole – Rowlands

Jan Nicholls - CO

Chetan Rai – Boots

Raj Ram – Lloyds

Balraj Chohan - Beacon

Fazal Rahman - AIMp

WCCG: Hema Patel

Apologies: Naz, Liz, Sukhy, Steve, Jyoti

Due to changes in her circumstances, Naz has taken the decision to resign from the committee.

The meeting was preceded by work on LPC planning groups

The meeting opened with a welcome to Rosie Poole of Rowlands followed by a round of introductions and a review of minutes and **actions** from November.

EPS/Best Practice: the event reported in November had been escalated to Universal Capabilities and investigated, raising a number of issues around EPS. In discussion:

- spine outages at busy/holiday periods
- recommendation of regular (20 minute) downloads from the spine
- how urgent/acute Rxs can be identified
- relevance to Care Home Rxs
- GP flagging eg acute/antibiotic/repeat – common to all pharmacy systems?
- awareness in GP/pharmacy practices

Hema requested pharmacy visits for CCG IT team colleagues Dawn & Jo to see EPS in action.

Paul Gnosill to attend Feb meeting with an NHS-D colleague.

Uptake of eRD promoted in practices with good EPS record.

LPC self assessment changes updated on PharmOutcomes.

Business started with: **CCG/Meds Management** - Hema

Reminders in *newsletter* requested:

- provide INR readings prior to ordering repeat Rxs for Warfarin, regular checks of patient yellow book. Some practices do not allow pharmacies to reorder
- conclusions from *consultation on medicines of limited clinical value*, advice is most products considered should not be prescribed, with some exceptions – long-term and at-risk patients. Hema to provide more detail for circulation to contractors. The conclusions should be discussed with patients, many of whom continue to request Rxs from GP
- OTC consultation open (<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/over-the-counter-items-not-routinely-prescribed/consultation/intro/>)
- CCG proceeding with support for self-care agenda (<https://walsallccg.nhs.uk/stay-well-walsall>) including changes in acute Rx policies and advice about purchasing everyday medicines paracetamol, ibuprofen. Pharmacy support required to support and explain to patients
- Pharmacy First – users limited to 3 visits/year for both Walsall 16 and over scheme and NHSE 15 and under scheme, pharmacy support required to explain to patients

- consideration of products for an appliance formulary
- pharmacy staff asked to ensure they signpost to an alternative who supply the service in question

Hema suggested Repeat Prescribing Guidelines should be reviewed.

Action: circulate previous document

PNA – consultation closes Feb 4th, document [here](#)

Specials/OOH – huge variations in invoice cost (co-proxamol), responsible sourcing requested.

Flu Forum

The previous meeting focussed on a pandemic flu exercise (an outbreak in a real Care Home followed closely). In the simulation, 1/3 workers fell ill with flu, 1/3 caring for them, leaving 1/3 able to work, raising questions about availability of anti-viral stock and business continuity planning for the sector including groups, individual owners and NHSE.

Action: request feedback from NHSE (via CPWM?), Jan to attend forum if possible.

LMC - Jay

Discussions on physician's associates, a project funded by HEE; GPs not overly impressed with candidates placed in general practice.

HWB - Jan

December meeting cancelled, no notification of January **alternative date** – **major topic PNA. Missed it!**

CPWM - Jay

Presentation on Leadership training aimed at GPhC registered technicians offered by Adam Layland, Coventry University (enquiries: Adam.Layland@coventry.ac.uk). Adam is seeking 13 candidates to start in February for the twelve month course (~270 hours) which attracts £1500 funding and results in a certificate which sadly does not comply with any recognised standards eg HND, RSPH.

Discussion around logistics, including using a trained tech widely to drive up standards, train trainers etc.

NHSE to be requested to share risk assessments conducted prior to **decommissioning of pharmacy services** eg MAS, palliative care.

Salma Ali (Accountable Officer, NHSE) shared thoughts on STP (Sustainability & Transformation) Kings Fund (<http://psnc.org.uk/walsall-lpc/>) demonstrating direction of NHS.

LPN – Jay

Sat shared plans for workforce development funding, requiring investment of £500/LPC.

Events to consider:

Discharge

Diabetes

Mental Health

Falls Prevention

Know your numbers

CP support for patients

Action: circulate event dates asap

AoB - Jan

HLP need to visit all HLP sites, arrange events/training/co-ordinate campaigns to maintain momentum - share meetings/campaigns and Michelle Dyoss' expertise with Wolves, Birmingham? Walsall LPC set aside £2000 funding.

Closed Business

Governance Group

Strategic planning – Harj, Raj

CO Report - Jan

Oversight & Scrutiny Committee - Balraj

Buddy Calls - Jan

HLP

NHS

Election

Treasurer's Report - Fazal

AoB – date change for AGM to October 2018. Future dates to 2020 on "About" tab of website.

Next Meeting: February 14th, LPC 11am, training from 2pm.

Future meetings: March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th

Actions

<i>EPS – inform Paul Gnosill meeting timing change</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>√</i>	<i>√</i>
<i>Circulate previous Prescribing Guidelines</i>	<i>Jan</i>		
<i>Publicise all CCG points in newsletters/website</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>√</i>	<i>√</i>
<i>and PNA consultation</i>	<i>Jan</i>		<i>√</i>
<i>Elicit feedback on Pandemic Flu from NHSE</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>√</i>	
<i>Circulate LPN event dates when available</i>	<i>Jay/Jan</i>		
<i>Re-organise buddy list</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>√</i>	<i>√</i>
<i>Write glossary for new members</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>√</i>	
<i>BUDDY CALLS new script for January</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>√</i>	<i>√</i>