**Minutes of Walsall LPC Monthly Meeting 9th March2022**

**Present:**

Jay Patel - Chair Daljit Sandhu - Vice-Chair, Morrisons

Balraj Chohan - Beacon Chetan Rai - Boots

Onkar Singh - Brutons, Moxley Harmeeet Grewal - Hartshornes

Jas Pannu - Coalpool Raj Ram - Treasurer

Jan Nicholls - CO

Walsall CCG: Hema Patel

**Apologies:** Jyoti, Jatin, Mikesh

Not present: Harj - Governance Lead, Gurdev – Touchwood

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first f2f meeting for nearly 2 years.

**Matters arising from Feb Meeting:**

**Funding:** obtain/complete template document FL, H&W/ SN, Dudley

**Accounts**: - 2020/21 Annual Accounts Richard Barnett, S Staffs; Raj to contact Richard

**PSNC accounts template** - webinar??

**Actions:**

Alastair Buxton – 5-year CPCF restricts increases in funding, PSNC declined to comment on fees while Yr 4 negotiations are progressing.

Regional Rep response:  “As you are aware the NT are negotiating Y4, so scheduling  a Wednesday will not be possible due to diary clashes. I will send a written report for April but suggest you use the PSNC/ CPWM meeting on the 8/3 as a report of PSNC business to date.” Jas Heer

**Update on POD**

Modality asked for comment - no response. Evaluation of POD ongoing; early results suggest reduction of unnecessary activity in CP – if and when it’s working well.

Members suggested a questionnaire for CP – end March.

Discussion moved to use of:

* **APPS** for Rx ordering
* connectedness of GP/CP systems, all are compatible with EPS at the CP end of the process
* use of “patient note” facility, relevance to pharmacist/patient
* Hema also highlighted PSNC guidance (2013) on “split prescriptions” <https://psnc.org.uk/dispensing-supply/eps/dispensing-in-eps-release-2/>

**Update on PNA**

Draft document due to be presented to HWB April 26th, followed by:

* 60 day consultation (end June)
* feedback July
* approval September

HW Walsall reported satisfactory feedback to CP questionnaire

Most (55) CP yet to complete PNA Questionnaire (service tab PharmOutcomes)

CCA companies not using PO - adversely affects analysis/report – check with CCA reps

**CCG Services Update**

BC Place plan to align services and fees from April 2022.

Walsall services will migrate to BC footprint, recommendation ICS continue to commission:

Palliative Care OOH

Pharmacy First – URGENT revise formulary reimbursement

CUES

>Weekday Palliative Care service activity low – suspension likely

**CP Contractual Hours**

A 100-hour pharmacy (commissioned to hold palliative care medicines ooh) is currently closing at 6pm, 6 days/week and 5pm on Sunday - not providing the service as commissioned.

A review of 100-hour opening hours (posted on Google) followed - it is more difficult to ascertain the opening hours of pharmacies sited in super-stores (NHSUK website).

If the hours posted online are accurate, the majority of *independent* 100-hour contractors are taking long-term advantage of temporary latitude granted by NHSEI. Reduction of hours was offered on a two-weekly basis to assist CP in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, renewable on successful application. The exception is due to end on 31st March 2022.

NHSEI have been asked for guidance;

* are 100-hour pharmacies following NHSEI procedures
* are NHSEI are comprehensively monitoring 100-hour opening
* on plans for return to 100-hour opening an/or ongoing monitoring

The answers were far from clear but NHSEI stated their willingness to examine RP records to verify opening hours of pharmacies – if requested to do so. As no complaints have been brought to LPC (other than the Palliative Care issue), the CO will continue to monitor and encourage all 100-hour contracts to fulfil their contractual obligations. There may be consequences for not resuming full hours eg Breach of Terms of Service. 100-hour contracts have been notified of the risk to their nhs.net inbox. Further messages will be sent in early April and at intervals.

**CPCS**

Hema reported that all GP practices are aware of the referral service. Presentations have been made to staff. All but 2 practices have agreed to implement the service. 21 practices are already active and using the PharmOutcomes platform.

Walsall practices are using EMIS integrated system

Latest data: Feb 85 referrals

111 referral numbers steady

GPs have been Incentivised to refer into GP CPCS with non-renewable funding according to this formula: 0.6/1000/week – funding swelled number of referrals in N Staffs but numbers rapidly subsided.

**Sexual Health**

Poster/covering letter detailing support for teenagers to be distributed to CPs – direct to HLP team?

Plans to review referral numbers in April

**Vaccination**

Large numbers of flu & COVID vaccs wasted, due to reduced demand following political decisions and Omicron variant.

Decision on single/dual vaccination model pending.

Following decision that < 65 age-group will pay to receive flu jab, GPs expecting to reduce orders of flu vaccine retrospectively. Pharmacy ordering under review..

PSNC recommend contacting manufacturers to check on their policy if necessary.

Send further Flu Meeting invitations to Daljit

**Next month meeting April 13th,** [**The Bev,**](https://www.thebev.co.uk/) **buffet from 1pm**

**April Meeting: Working Groups 1:15 pm**