**Minutes of Walsall LPC Monthly Meeting 12th October**

**Present:**

Jay Patel - Chair Balraj Chohan - Beacon

Daljit Sandhu – Morrisons Jas Pannu – Coalpool

Onkar Singh – Brutons, Moxley Raj Ram - Treasurer

Jan Nicholls - CO

Hema Patel – Walsall Place

**Apologies:**

Chetan Rai, Mikesh Patel, Harj Sadhra, Gurdev Sehmi, Jyoti Saini

Not present: Harmeet Grewal, Jatin Patel

The meeting was not quorate.

The Chair welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

**LPC Planning groups suspended this month**

**Hema: Service Report**

**Essential Services:**

Datafor **DMS** & **NMS** referral rates appear higher than CP claims. Possible reasons:

* three elements to DMS, not all applicable
* referrals are not being completed or
* referrals are completed but contractors find the claim process too onerous
* if not completed at once it’s hard to identify the correct details later

**DMS** recording does not automatically populate a claim, a separate record is required to submit a claim via MYS

**NMS** better IT integration,easier to claim

**Hema to promote GP referral via PharmOutcomes wherever possible.**

**Advanced Services**

**GP CPCS** referral rates have dipped since the summer. No new data have not been shared since Kirsty Kelly’s departure. Practices may have hit their initial targets but are practices reaching PCN goals? Training is available for practice staff as part of PCN Development.

Recruitment of a **Service Development Officer** has not been successful, nor has an approach to GP practice managers and colleagues with mixed roles produced any interest.

**Hypertension Case-Finding Service** PO reports directly to the GP, paper version requires another method. The service may feed into a GP DES. PCN Development had raised the possibility of follow-up into a local pathway to prevent delays to GP workstream. (A clinic approach had been in place since 2014.)

**Following the acquisition of PharmOutcomes by EMIST, many services are moving to the “provider pays” model increasing costs to contractors.**

**Flu Service** meeting cancelled. Over 65 vaccine short, checks on vaccine claims on PharmOutcomes are ongoing – under review by IMMS teams. Fears that over-65s have not been given the vaccine recommended for their age group.

**COVID**

**LVS** sites reporting low booking rates

**AGM feedback**

Attendance rates were very disappointing but possibly understandable given the stresses within the sector.

**Other Services**

Contraceptive service

Tier 1 -2023

Tier 2 to follow

**Smoking Cessation**

Walsall Manor have started referrals for inpatients across the hospital. A member of staff has been recruited to the team this week. Aim to include all wards by March. NRT is available on wards via the Trust “homely medicines” policy. Patients choose their preferred pharmacy for follow up – which may not be within Walsall. Of 3 referrals in September, one was a Walsall pharmacy, one in Wolverhampton and one in South Staffs. COs across the region have been alerted. Wolves to start referral next week.

Partners of pregnant women can access SC service in a community pharmacy via a vouche. There is a £3 fee; sign-up with Carol Shepherd of the Health and Pregnancy team

**CUES** is still commissioned in Walsall – low numbers

**Palliative Care** is under review across BL ICS. Current services (weekend/BH) & (weekdays) will continue for a further three months.

**CGL** would like to encourage uptake of Naloxone and BBV testing, training is available.

**Healthy Start** LPC asked whether anything would increase uptake of this service, which is available in just a few pharmacies in the Borough.

**POD**  the evaluation has been completed, with recommendations, is not yet been fully discussed and is not available publicly. An equity assessment is also required.

A representative has offered to attend in November.

Recommend utilisation of alternative methods of Rx ordering.

**Antibiotic Awareness Week** promotional materials available to support antibiotic amnesty.

Campaign was successful last year.

**Suicide Prevention Steering Group** training/resources available to support mental health, including a Black Country and national services for pharmacists and technicians.

Flu service – advise GPs to check records prior to inviting patients for vaccination.

**PNA** has been approved and uploaded to the Council website.

**CLOSED SECTION**

**PQS:** 2022/23 published on PSNC website.

**CPWM:** Tuesday 13th September, see Jay’s notes under separate cover.

**PCNs**

**Treasurer’s Report**

process.

**CPWM**