**Minutes of Walsall LPC Monthly Meeting 11th January**

**Present:**

Jay Patel - Chair Chetan Rai - CCA

Gurdev Sehmi - AIM Touchwood Daljit Sandhu - Morrisons

Jas Pannu - Coalpool Harj Sadhra - Governance Officer

Onkar Singh - Brutons, Moxley Raj Ram - Treasurer

Jan Nicholls - CO Hema Patel – BCICB, Walsall Place

Guests: Lisa French, Chiesi

Lesley Talbot & David Walker Sexual Health Commissioners, PH Walsall

**Apologies:**

Balraj Chohan, Jyoti Saini

Not present: Harmeet Grewal, Jatin Patel, Mikesh Patel

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Lisa French** outlined use of SABA inhalers following the [NRAD Report](https://respiratoryacademy.co.uk/resources/national-review-asthma-deaths-nrad-2/) in 2014. The Report recommendations continue to challenge and drive change in the treatment of asthma. Lisa provided resources and mentioned the *green agenda* for disposal of inhalers.

* Contact Lisa & COs LLR LPC/Wolverhampton LPC for details of the Chiesi recycling pilot ✓

**Service Report - Hema**

**Essential Services**

**NMS** plans to expand/include antidepressants from April 19thdependent on the success of the pilot

**DMS** numbers (Dudley/Walsall data) slowly increasing. PO shows 50% completion - supported by MYS claims - suggesting some interactions are incomplete?

**Smoking Cessation** Manor Hospital - GPs notified of 1st appointment date/QUIT decision? A Yates ✓

**Advanced Services**

**Contraceptive Service** 8 pharmacies signed up to pilot, all registered with BSA. No activity in latest data. National service delayed.

**CPCS** referral rates increased in December. 30/52 practices active. CO had contact with Haleema Saadia, offered half a day per week working in practices. Hema to assist with relevant information for surgeries, prioritising both East and South S2 PCNs**.** Follow up with Haleema ✓

**Palliative Care** weekday service has been reinstated pending review of Trust arrangements. Providers all aware and willing to continue.

**Flu Service** meeting cancelled. Once again Hema & Jan held an impromptu catch-up.

**CPM Meeting - CPWM becomes CP Midlands**

The TAPR process produced 10 regions with 2 reps/Midlands: Lindsey Fairbrother in the East and Jas Heer in the West. LPC members all circulated to invite EoI for the two posts:

Extract from email dated 8th January:

For information on the role of PSNC member, please see from page 9 onwards of the [briefing](https://psnc.org.uk/briefings/psnc-briefing-guide-to-the-psnc-regional-representative-elections-for-independent-pharmacy-contractors/).

If you are eligible for election as regional representative, and are willing to stand for election, then please could you confirm to Katrina Worthington your full name, the name (if it is owned by a body corporate) and address of your pharmacy or pharmacies, and your LPC by midday on Monday 23rd January 2023. On or shortly after that date, I will notify recipients of this email of the identity of those who have expressed interest in their PSNC region and seek formal nominations. Nominations can be received from eligible candidates, irrespective of whether they expressed an interest in standing for election. The nomination process is set out in Paragraph 14.5 of the Rules (attached to the email).

[Katrina.Worthington@psnc.org.uk](file:///C:\Users\User\Downloads\Katrina.Worthington@psnc.org.uk) 0203 1220 814

Other PSNC updates:

* Members of PSNC were invited to the Prime Minister’s emergency briefing on Sunday last, 8th January.
* Action promised on Price Concessions, measures for change and four- point plan (briefing document)
* Representation on PLOT (LPC/PSNC Operations Team) meetings
* Satyan shared concerns about the future of the LPN role
* BH rota: urgent meetings with E/W NHSE teams - little activity on Spring/Easter arrangements.

**Walsall Sexual Health Service**

Lesley Talbot & David Walker Sexual Health Commissioners, PH Walsall

The service wasinitiated 2015; a planned redesign in 2019 was suspended due to the COVID pandemic. The current contract ends on March 31st. **Walsall Together** will manage the service in future.

Comments on the current service include:

Lack of equitable access No town-centre presence

Poor distribution of sites Rising costs

Improvement to 10 care profile Online presence

Commissioners plan to remedy perceived deficiencies utilising a “wider” approach to service provision. CP PGDs will be devised by WHT with advice from Dan Attry (Head of Community Pharmacy Clinical Services), supported by Hema.

Training/contractor study days offered – response that “contractor time” very problematic.

Commissioners envisaged an enhanced fee of £15 - LPC members pointed out this was very low compared with National Service remuneration (NMS £25), leading to choices about service prioritisation. Concerns were also expressed around workforce issues, which have not recovered since the pandemic; viability of community pharmacies and probable contraction of the sector. Members commented that intense pressure on CP makes it impossible to fulfil consumer demands; clients expect an immediate consultation in Community Pharmacy and are reluctant to make an appointment at another time, often preferring to consult their GP.

Qs: Comparison with GP payment and overall cost of GP service including time element.

**CLOSED SECTION**

**TAPR**

**IPMO**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Before closing the meeting, the decision was taken to start at 13:30pm in February.