**Minutes of Walsall LPC Monthly Meeting 8th March 2023**

**Present:**

Jay Patel - Chair Daljit Sandhu - CCA

Balraj Chohan – Beacon Jas Pannu - Coalpool

Harmeet Grewal - Hartshornes Gurdev Sehmi - AIMp

Raj Ram - Treasurer Jan Nicholls - CO

Hema Patel – BCICB, Walsall Place

**Apologies:** Chetan Rai, Jatin Patel, Onkar Singh

Not present: Harj Sadhra, Mikesh Patel

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and commenced with Planning, workstreams to include:

**Restructuring the LPC** – outgoing Chair, incoming Chair, CO

The Chair, Jay Patel, has stated his intention to retire at the end of June. Jas Pannu has agreed to shadow and take over as Chair of Community Pharmacy Walsall in July.

**Services:**

**HLP** - nothing new

**NMS –** information from pilots delayed, service delay also?

[Hypertension Case-Finding Service](https://psnc.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services/advanced-services/hypertension-case-finding-service/)also **ICB** **BP@Home** group, chaired by Dan and attended by Hema. The CO attends when time permits. Qs around verbal referrals, patient eligibility (hypertensive medication) and GP workload.

**Vaccination** – pharmacy services stood down for now

**GP CPCS –** Daljit had agreed to continue work (~ 16 hours/month) on referral service using data (kindly supplied by Hema) to scope visits to both practices and pharmacies and provide feedback to LPC. Haleema is currently on sick leave, We may have interest from another pharmacist, Meera. In the past 4 weeks 44/52 Walsall practices have made referrals. Hema is giving training to GP practice staff.

⮊Source recording template from [Simon Hay](mailto:https://psnc.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services/advanced-services/hypertension-case-finding-service/)

Remuneration: 4 hrs pw @ current LPC rate (rising to £35/hour from April 1st).

**POD –** LPC would welcome sight of the evaluationof the POD as soon as available. Anecdotally, members reported positive recent experiences.

**LPC Transformation -** As a first step to working collaboratively; officers from Black Country LPCs held discussions in December on how best to represent CP contractors within the BC ICB area, summarised in [Position Statement](https://walsall.communitypharmacy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/2023/03/Position-Statement.docx).

As part of TAPR and 2023 elections a proposal was floated: to reduce the number of elected/nominated members to 8 to facilitate transition to a merged Black Country LPC in the future.

Votes were allocated based on the number of contracts on **January 31st, 2023.**

A [BC Comms Toolkit](https://walsall.communitypharmacy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/2023/01/BC-LPC-Comms-Toolkit.pdf) was circulated to inform contractors of intentions around TAPR, the 2023 LPC elections and thoughts around merging into one pan-BC LPC. No electors had notified their attendance.

The SGM presentation had been updated to reflect votes received from all sectors:

35 votes supporting the proposed change to the Constitution

2 against

The proposal is therefore successful and will be adopted and incorporated into the Community Pharmacy Walsall Constitution. 8 members will be elected/nominated to form Community Pharmacy Walsall from July 1st 2023.

The number of seats on Walsall LPC is calculated on the number of contracts on **January 31st, 2023.**

**8 s**eats available + Co-opted Executive Officers where applicable

**4 independent elected members**

**3 CCA nominated members**

**1 AIMp nominated member**

The **Election Calculator** is continuously updated to reflect proposed/actual changes as they are communicated to the CO. It is attached with these notes including all information available on 10th March 2023.

NB this is a working document which reflects changes as notified.

There was discussion around the implications of changes to relative number of contractors; the trend is increasing independent vs CCA ownership and AIMp (Independent Multiple) membership is growing.

The contractor base is under constant review. Opportunities for rebalancing the Committee arise due to Constitutional changes recommended by PSNC, at retirement of a member or the election of a new committee.

**2023 Election/name change >> Community Pharmacy Walsall**

Guidance from PSNC on the process, timetable and supporting information available from the LPC website [[**HERE**](https://walsall.communitypharmacy.org.uk/our-news/5380/)](https://walsall.communitypharmacy.org.uk/our-news/5380/) The CO intends to email contractors by 20th March.

From 1st July the committee will be renamed **Community Pharmacy Walsall**, Hema was asked for assistance in ensuring stakeholders are made aware of the change.

**Services Report - Hema**

All the services offered at each “Place” in the **Black Country Integrated Care System** are being reviewed and harmonised. Updated SLAs will be circulated in due course.

Includes:

**Palliative Care:**

* changes to on-call (other BC areas only offer in-hours services) and
* updated formulary to include new recommended drugs

**CUES**

**Pharmacy First**

**PH Services**

Request from CGL for pharmacies to read nhs mail regularly to pick up messages

Discussion on access methods, nhs.net mail/mobile phone/additional computers etc

**GP CPCS**

Hema is considering impact of changes to the GP contract and Investment & Impact Fund

All reception staff are expected to assess/signpost patients appropriately.

**Extended Care** PGDs expire end of April, likelihood they will be revised/adopted for a further period.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Extended Care Training: Sunday 26th March @ HI Jct 7 half-day**

Refreshers on Tiers 1 & 2 plus new training on [**Tier 3 Treatment of Ear**](https://southstaffslpc.co.uk/services/community-pharmacy-extended-care-suite-of-services/) **Infections**

**Respiratory Event:** [**Tuesday 25th April**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-pharmacy-respiratory-educational-event-tickets-570601754207) **@ The Village, Tempus Ten**

sign-in from 6pm, event ends 9pm

**CLOSED SECTION**

**PCN activity**

**Treasurer’s Report - Raj**

**Deadline for claims for LPC work 31st March. Claims in excess of 3 months old will not be accepted.**