**Minutes of Walsall LPC Monthly Meeting 10 May 2023**

**Present:**

Jay Patel - Chair Harmeet Grewal - Hartshornes Pharmacy

Jas Pannu - Coalpool Pharmacy Chetan Rai - CCA

Harj Sadhra - Governance Officer Raj Ram - Treasurer Onkar Singh - Brutons Pharmacy

Gurdev Sehmi - Touchwood Jan Nicholls - CO

**Apologies:** Daljit Sandhu. Jatin Patel, Onkar Singh

Not present: Mikesh Patel Balraj Chohan

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was to be shortened for rearranged CPM to accommodate Pharmacy Minister Taiwo Otomewo.

**Restructuring the LPC**

Fully completed self-nomination forms had been received by the deadline of April 14th from:

Harmeet Grewal Jas Pannu

Jatin Patel Onkar Singh

Ne other completed form and an enquiry had arrived too late to be considered. The four above-named contractors will therefore take up the four independent seats on Community Pharmacy Walsall. The AGM date will remain in September – Wednesday 13th tbc.

**The Minutes of the May** meeting were adopted**.**

The CO was asked to amend the Claims Form with the revised rate of £35/hour

**Services**

Hema fed back on recent reports:

**CPCS**

Rates in Walsall are relatively high – approx. 50% of IBC activity. Hema continues to scrutinise data, which had also been sent to Daljit. 7 practices had not made a referral in 10 weeks.

**Smoking Cessation**

192 referrals had been made since September when the service went live. Pharmacists should be aware of locally commissioned smoking cessation services to enable signposting and act on referrals promptly. The service is intended to be offered throughout the hours of business, although it ha come to light this was not being followed.

**Oral Contraception**

Six pharmacies had signed up for the service, 4 completed registration. All 4 have transitioned to National spec. Only 1 provision logged.

**Needle Exchange**Due to a change in premises CGL will not be offering Needle exchange for a month.

**Locally Commissioned Services**

Extended Care Services Tiers1/2 -PGDs have been updated.

**PCN** – Daljit continues to visit practices and community pharmacies to encourage local cooperation.

**POD**

Evaluation not published, no news on whether it will continue. Modality have 6 months to decide on future plans. Discussion on promotion of the NHS App (mentioned in the recently published NHS Delivery Plan). Should we distribute bag stuffers to educate patients away for phone orders?

Frequency of MAPCOG (Midlands Area Pharmacy Chief Officers Group) changed to every two weeks with alternate “training” and operational focus. Last meeting missed, The Chair and Chair elect are both sent brief notes of meetings attended.

**Hypertension Case-Finding Service**

Members felt the mismatch between GP and CP ambulatory measurement requirement put patients off using the CP service.

**AGM**

Officer Reports almost complete, accounts should be with the accountant by end of May – on track.

**Undergraduate Placements**

Gurdev raised issues around the requirement for undergrad pharmacy students to secure a placement – students are ignoring CP in favour of General Practice or hospital. As placements are split between sectors, may students prefer other sectors and community pharmacies cannot capitalise on their investment. Locally Birmingham University and Aston have requested CP participation but no interest has been received by CO to date.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Two months contractor levy collected, PSNC up-to-date, next invoice expected September.

Remaining NHS MoU Funding ~£31,000

LPC members are undertaking sessional work to support GP CPCS in both practices and CPs. CO is involved in admin for the financial transfers.

Chair’s leaving “do” – provisionally Lazy Hill, Thursday 8th July, 7:30.

**Discussion followed on the Vaccs**

**COVID programme** is drawing to a close with limited services available for vulnerable patients.

**FLU meetings –** once again the monthly meeting was cancelled; there has been no co-ordination or information across the system 2022/23.

**Other Services**

Date for implementation of **Contraceptive service** yet to be announced. We have several sites registered but activity levels to date are low.

NMS England is asking community pharmacy contractors to **voluntarily**submit **New Medicine Service** (NMS) quarterly summary data to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for Quarter 3 (Q3) 2022/23.

**IP Pathfinder Programme**

Request feedback on bid from Dan Attry.

Escalate to PLOT (Jeff Blankley)

There has been significant traffic on PSNC CO Gaggle group around whether IPs can also be regarded as the RP. The group agreed the service was set up to allow an IP undertaking *ad hoc* interventions to act safely as RP with appropriate SPOs in place for core work to continue. Multiple/planned consultations or sessional work could be a different matter.

Feedback from Dan on progress of BC bid– it has passed the local process and been forwarded to the National Team. On IP/RP question, his response is that the pilot is designed to address issues of this nature that may occur.

**Governance**

Harj has updated the declarations/member details. Forms will be sent to all current members to complete/sign plus and future members as appropriate.

**CPM –** see separate report.

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

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

Using PSNC Election Calculator for **8 s**eats available (+ Co-opted Executive Officers where applicable)

**4 independent elected members**

**3 CCA nominated members**

**1 AIMp nominated member**

There has been an increase in AIMp membership necessitating a thorough check of the latest list of Walsall contractors by the organisation.

Both CCA and AIMp indicated their nominees will fill the seats available to them.

PSNC election timetable was available on the website with the same information sent to all independent contractors by email to invite nominations for independent seats.

As of the meeting date, 4 completed forms had been received.

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

**Annual Report**

Officers invited to produce a report for the AGM/Annual Report.

**Engaging MPs**

PSNC have produced template letters for local MPs to inform APPG/Parliament of the predicament CP – and by extension Primary Care generally - are facing.

CO asked to source relevant data on:

* completed closures
* unplanned closures
* changes to supplementary hours
* 100-hour pharmacy offer

to allow an estimate of the patient-facing hours lost and commensurate increase in pressure on the remaining CP estate to be made.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

5 of the PCN areas are covered by an LPC member. South 1 & 2 do not have a lead.