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

**Present:**

Jay Patel - Chair Harmeet Grewal - Hartshornes Pharmacy

Jas Pannu - Coalpool Pharmacy Chetan Rai - CCA

Raj Ram - Treasurer Harj Sadhra - Governance Officer

Gurdev Sehmi - Touchwood

Jan Nicholls – CO

Hema Patel – Walsall Place

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

Not present: Mikesh Patel, Balraj Chohan

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, which had to be shortened to accommodate a remote CPM session with Pharmacy Minister Taiwo Owatemi.

**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

One other completed form and an enquiry had arrived too late to be considered. The above-named contractors will therefore take up the four independent seats on Community Pharmacy Walsall from July. Assuming the Annual Report/Accounts are complete/accepted in time, the 2023 AGM date will remain second Wednesday September – Wednesday 13th tbc.

**The Minutes of the April** 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 received:

**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 at the Manor went live. A few of these patients are out of area. 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 has come to light this was not always followed.

**Oral Contraception**

Of 6 pharmacies signed up for the service, 4 have 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 in the public domain and no sign on whether POD ordering will continue. Modality have 6 months from publication to decide on future plans.

**NHS Delivery Plan**

Following publication of NHS Delivery Plan, there was a brief discussion on the Plan and associated funding, the implications for Primary Care, patients and CP in particular. On promotion of the NHS App, should LPC distribute bag stuffers to educate patients away for phone orders?

**Other meetings**

The Chair and Chair elect are both copied into invitations, brief notes and updates of meetings.

**MAPCOG**

Frequency of MAPCOG (Midlands Area Pharmacy Chief Officers Group) changed to every two weeks with alternate “training” and operational focus. Last meeting missed.

**FLU** away. This meeting has been repeatedly cancelled throughout the season.

**Hypertension Case-Finding Service**

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

**AGM**

**Date:** 2nd Wednesday of September.

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.

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

**CLOSED SECTION**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Discussion** followed on theGovernment’s plan for improving access to primary care

**Service Development – DATA!!**