**Minutes of Walsall LPC Monthly Meeting 14th June 2023**

**Present:**

Jay Patel - Chair Harmeet Grewal - Hartshornes Pharmacy

Jas Pannu - Coalpool Pharmacy Chetan Rai - CCA

Raj Ram - Treasurer Daljit Sandhu - CCA

Onkar Singh - Brutons Balraj Chohan – Beacon Pharmacy

Jan Nicholls – CO

**Apologies:**. Hema Patel, Harj Sadhra, Gurdev Sehmi

Not present: Jatin Patel

Jay Patel welcomed everyone to his last meeting as Chair of the committee.

**Declarations of Interest** should be filled out and sent to Harj Sadhra for future meetings. These have been circulated but are also available from the CO. Any changes must be declared before commencement of each meeting.

**Undergraduate Pharmacy Student Placements**

Due to changes in the undergraduate course, Schools of Pharmacy are seeking placements for their students. Placements are typically two periods of two weeks. There is funding available. Both Aston and Birmingham University are offering to arrange placements. Explanatory webinar on June 29th:

[https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/undergraduate-pharmacy-placements-nhs-england-webinar-wed](https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/undergraduate-pharmacy-placements-nhs-england-webinar-wed%20)

Action: circulate to contractors ✓

**No planning group business.**

**Election/Transition Update**

All future members of the committee identified and contacted. Former members/PCN leads removed from email list. Our thanks to members stepping down at this time.

CPE officers will be informed when details are complete.

**CP Black Country**

BC merger: early plans include nominating two delegates from each Place to form a steering group, Jay and Jas are both prepared to support. Meetings will every other month – next one August.

Dudley use Clyde & Co for HR - can cover be expanded?

Part 3 of Toolkit is due to be delivered soon, the group will use the pathway.

Invite James Wood to review ToR/progress?

**Circulate notes** of meeting with Coventry Labour MP Taiwo Owatemi: Jay had raised concerns over funding - **is MA ring-fenced?**

**BC ICB Hypertension Project**

**Dan Attry (Clinical Lead for Black Country ICB)** explained the rationale behind the project:

the impetus came from Duncan Jenkins (PH Dudley) as part of the health inequalities agenda. A business case had been submitted and accepted for the project; funding gained will enable “Local Services” buttons in surgery systems.

CPs can offer the Hypertension Case-Finding Service via both opportunistic case-finding and GP referral and can be utilised to prove concept and gather data. The BC project will probably run until the end of the year, in one PCN per BC Place.

Pharmacists will receive the standard fee for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service.

There was discussion over the ethos and management of the project, including recording, as the proposed method is via PharmOutcomes. For new patients, this would result in additional, unpaid work inputting patient information.

One member had received a direct communication from CHS – outside the proposed engagement process, Dan showed concern about this.

Dr Asghar, All Saints practice, has agreed to refer his patients to CPs in Walsall North PCN.

Action: CO to provide Dan with a revised list of CPs (12) in North PCN ✓

Dan explained ICB structure/support – all POD contracts were transferred to BC ICB in April but ICB staff are currently supported by members of [WM NHSEI team](mailto:england.pharmacy-westmidlands@nhs.net), providing continuity and local knowledge. WM NHSEI email address remains the same.

The **Primary Care Recovery Plan** heralds a change in the model of healthcare; more services in CP with a new MA service expected by January.

Members welcome the changes but expressed doubts over:

* the public readiness to consult with health professionals other than GPs
* expectation of an immediate appointment with a pharmacist following referral, a wait unexpected

**Locally Commissioned Services**

Extended Care Services PGDs for Tiers1/2 have been updated, providers required to renew after 31st May but contractors have missed this. [NHSEI](mailto:https://psnc.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services/advanced-services/hypertension-case-finding-service/) re-enrol providers on request.

**CPCS**

Rates in Walsall remain relatively high, second only to SSOT figures in the region.

Daljit may need to restrict his support.

Action: CO to contact Haleema ✓

**DMS**

Referral rates in Walsall are average for BC but nearly half are not addressed and/or not completed or claimed.

**Oral Contraception**

Current records show 10 pharmacies signed up for the service, provisions unknown.

**Other meetings**

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

**CLOSED SECTION**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**CPCS Visits**

**MPs to examine role of pharmacy services in future NHS**

Meeting closed following a brief presentation to Jay as out-going Chair, He has occupied the Chair since 2005