

# **Community Pharmacy Cheshire and Wirral**



# **Meeting Minutes**

For the Zoom meeting held on Wednesday 21 April 2021, 9.30am-3.30pm

# 1 Present

#### Members

Nadia Ali	CCA	NA
Daniel Byatt	AIMp	DB
David Crosbie	CCA	DC
Ian Cubbin	Independent	IC
Stuart Dudley	Independent	SD
Heather Johnson	CCA	HJ
Rachel Jones	CCA	RJ
Wesley Jones	CCA	WJ
Anna Mir	CCA	AM
Dane Stratton-Powell	CCA	DSP
Stephen Thomas	CCA	ST
Lee Williams	Independent	LW

#### In Attendance

Suzanne Austin	PSM	SA
Sara Davies	EO	SDa
Adam Irvine	CEO	Al
Gary Pickering	PSM	GP
Alison Williams	BSO	AW

# **Apologies**

Andrew Hodgson	w Hodgson Independent	
Katrina Worthington	CCA	KW

# 2 Welcome, Apologies and Expressions of Interest

DSP chaired and welcomed members and in particular Gary Pickering who has recently joined the team as a Pharmacy Services Manager and CCA member Rachel Jones whose first LPC meeting this is.

Apologies were received from AH and KW.

No expressions of interest were received.

#### 3 Annual Governance

a) Election of LPC Officers

Al asked for nominations for the position of Chair.

i. Chair

Dane Stratton-Powell was proposed by Ian Cubbin and seconded by Stephen Thomas. There were no objections and DSP was happy to accept the nomination and was duly appointed.

DSP took over the chairing of the committee meeting.

ii. Vice Chair

Stuart Dudley was proposed by Ian Cubbin and seconded by Stephen Thomas. SD was happy to accept the nomination and was duly appointed.

iii. Treasurer

Ian Cubbin was proposed by Stephen Thomas and seconded by Lee Williams. IC was happy to accept the nomination and was duly appointed.

- b) LPC Sub-Committee Membership
  - i. Staff and Resource

Members will remain as IC/AH/JH/ST; DSP will join this group.

ii. Governance and Finance

Members will remain as IC/SD/AW/KW.

iii. CSC

Members will remain as IC/SD/SDa/AM/ST/LW/KW/AW; RJ will join this group.

iv. Services

Members will remain as NA/DB/DC/AH/HJ/WJ/DSP/AI/SA; GP will join this group.

c) Standing Order and Code of Conduct

This existing document, pre-circulated prior to the meeting, was reviewed and adopted for the next year with no changes.

d) Annual Declarations of Interest

The Declarations of Interest (DOI) form was distributed to members prior to the meeting.

On receipt back AW will update the LPC website to include member DOI's for 2021.

e) LPC Expenses Policy

The current expenses policy, including payment rates, was reviewed; all current rates will remain unchanged.

AW will update the website, as necessary.

# 4 LPC Membership

Members discussed co-option to fill the vacant independent contractor seat; Al will take this action forward.

#### 5 Suzanne Austin - Chair of the Cheshire LPN

SA updated members on the following LPN/NHSE business:

- The Integrating NHS Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation (IPMO) programme have moved forward slightly but will become a priority.
- Different approaches to the GPCPCS are being considered and progress is currently slow.

DSP asked how the CPCW strategy will integrate into the NSHE strategy. All stated that the LPC will dovetail in with NHSE and plan to accelerate progress across Cheshire and Wirral.

CPCW will aim to have one exemplar site in each of the 4 CCG areas with GP and SDa spending time to get them up and running. These sites will then be used to help roll out the implementation and as CPCW have invested money into this process we have full control over the direction of travel.

GP shared the plans for himself and SDa for the coming weeks.

- Recycling Schemes will be an agenda item for Cheshire LPN. Whilst this work is in its infancy consideration will be given to how this might involve community pharmacy.
- There are several consolidation applications in the system at the current time.

- The PNA working group met on 20 April. As has happened in previous years, progress will be across Cheshire and Mersey. Surveys will be circulated shortly with a view to them being returned by the end of August. The PNAs need to be completed by October 2022.
- Another wave of COVID vaccination sites have been looked at as well as expressions of
  interest received for the priority postcodes (on the CPCW footprint these are Ellesmere
  Port and Warrington, and SA gave some context as to why this was).

Vaccine supply is currently limited and is being prioritised for second doses.

Pfizer and Moderna will need to be used for patients under the age of 30 who have not had their first vaccination. Any pharmacy sites who deliver more than one vaccine type will need to have separate areas and this is being looked at a national level.

There are currently no Moderna sites in Cheshire.

 ST asked whether there have been any discussions about booster vaccines locally? There is an expectation that something may be done in the autumn, but SA has not heard anything official.

#### 6 Ian Cubbin/Stephen Thomas - PSNC Report

PSNC has not met since the last LPC meeting took place. ST/IC updated members on the following:

- For the benefit of newer members IC explained that he sits on the PSNC as the Regional Representative for Mersey and that ST sits on PSNC as a Company Chemists Association (CCA) Representative. He went on to explain the makeup of the PSNC committee.
- There has been no progress on the advanced COVID monies.
- Janette Howe from DH and Social Care is due to retire and will be replaced by Alette Addison.
- The Department is about to launch a consultation on Hub and Spoke.
- IC/ST are involved in trying to get a work stream to look at terminology to ensure that there is a consistent understanding/term/meaning for different things (examples were given).
- DSP asked if there have been any updates around PCN Leads. If this role is to continue this needs to be funded outside of the CPCS with new money.

## 7 Stephen Thomas - Review Steering Group (RSG)

ST updated members on the following RSG business:

- ST explained the background and remit for this group ie, to look at the recommendations from the Wright Review.
- In February, the Berkeley Partnership were appointed as the external project management team and have been planning out the types of topics that need to be discussed, the interdependencies, communications and stakeholder map, timelines etc.
- Two sessions were run in March- Contractor and LPC Chairs and Chief Offices. From the first session 50 contractors stated that they wanted to join a forum which will be set up for sharing ideas.
- A full group meeting will take place next week to start to discuss some of the recommendations.
- The is a comms plan that will be populated and will be available on the website of the Review Steering Group (https://pharmacy-review.org/home/the-review-steering-group/review-steering-group-members/)

# 8 Health and Partnership Board Update

The Partnership Board Briefing document and MoU were pre-circulated and AI outlined how community pharmacy might fit into the Board. AI asked if members wanted CPCW to do anything more substantial about the MoU? Would it be helpful to be acknowledged as a member or party to the MoU? Members were happy if there was representation on the provider forum.

Al will be attending the inaugural meeting of the Cheshire and Merseyside Primary Care Provider Leadership Forum tomorrow (22 April) and will share notes with the committee, as necessary.

# 9 Minutes of CPCW Zoom Meeting – 3 March 2021

- a) The minutes were accepted and signed.
- b) Outstanding actions/updates:
  - i. Item 6ci IC will write a newsletter article re the IFPP. IC updated members on the current situation and challenges of the ever-changing situation. IC will write a brief article for the newsletter regarding provisional registrants.
  - ii. Item 5 SA spoke to the Cheshire CCG COVID steering group meeting who confirmed that there are currently no long COVID plans but SA will keep the committee informed of any developments.
  - iii. Item 11a Al will investigate Mental Health First Aid training for the team.
  - iv. Item 12 A letter was finalised during this meeting; AW will send.

#### 10 Feedback

a) Staff and Resource (S&R)

Al shared that S&R has recently discussed:

- Employee sickness benefits (self-insuring)
- The Annual Appraisal Process

AW will arrange a meeting for the S&R to discuss the annual pay review.

b) Engagement Officer

SDa updated members on her activity since the last LPC meeting, including:

- Contacting and introducing herself and outlining her role to 182 pharmacies across Cheshire and Wirral. Encouragingly contractors are already starting to contact her directly.
- Pulling together a suite of Top Tips service documents which she displayed on screen and explained the purpose and aim of them. The guides were discussed more fully under item 14c.
- Chasing Warrington contractors regarding sign up to the EHC service.
- Meeting with GP regarding GPCPCS; SDa will be focusing on pharmacies whilst GP will focus on practices.
- c) Member Feedback Important Items and Context for Team

Following Feedback from the February LPC meeting this item will now form part of the core LPC agenda.

Al asked members to share any current issues regarding Business and Financial, Customer, Operations and Workforce and People via an online post it board. Several member questions were answered during the exercise.

ST confirmed that there was nothing contributed that had not already been discussed or was in the plan to discuss at PSNC.

The item will remain as a regular standing agenda to inform the team.

# 11 Sub-Group Meeting Feedback

a) Services

DSP fed back on the topics discussed and full minutes will be circulated when available. Topics:

- RAG Rating of Services
- Palliative Care Service Specification for Warrington
- b) Communications

LW fed back on the topics discussed and full minutes will be circulated when available. Topics:

- PCN Lead Letter
- Top Tip Guides (Message and Layout Sign off)
- Ongoing events

#### 12 | Service Dashboard

AW shared some graphs to show total income, national service and local service income from January 2018 to December 2020. There were no questions.

# 13 | CPCW Strategy Review

Al facilitated a review the strategy document. Based on the member discussions Al will collate and circulate an updated draft for sign off at the June LPC meeting.

#### 14 | Topics for Discussion

a) Member Topics for June LPC Meeting

DSP/AI/AW met, and will continue to meet, a couple of weeks before each LPC meeting to plan the agenda. Members asked for the following topics to be added to the June meeting (AW).

- A situation report on GPCPCS and DMS with a view to using the information to identify how we can improve delivery.
- Flu Update to allow us to be prepared to support our contractors.
- b) MALPS Agenda Items and Attendees (26 May 2021)

DSP/AI/SD will attend the next meeting.

c) Top Tips Guides

One-page guides have been produced and written from a team point of view. To enrich the documents members should review the guides, for any service that they deliver (from a user point of view) and should let AW have any useful builds or additional helpful information back by 30 April.

AW will finalise and publish the documents after feedback is received. The documents will also form the basis of some podcasts and YouTube videos.

d) Annual Report

A final draft of the 2020/21 Annual Report will be presented for sign-off at the July LPC meeting. AI/DSP/IC will draft their sections and forward to AW.

e) Face-to-Face meeting

Members discussed the possibility of re-introducing face to face LPC meetings.

Members will let AW know their company stance on face-to-face meetings by 30 April. This information will allow the committee to plan going forward for the June,

July meetings. AW will contact the Forest Hills to understand their plans on reopening their meeting rooms safely.

Al will explore options for purchasing equipment which will allow guests/members to join physical meetings via virtual means if necessary.

f) BBC

SA to ask the question whether the public information is available.

# 15 | CEO and Employee Report

An employee report was pre-circulated to members and AI spoke to a set of slides which will be circulated with the minutes.

Actions and points to note:

- The IPMO membership is currently unclear but there has been a request for one community pharmacy representative across Cheshire and Mersey.
- Al talked about investment HEE has made regarding support for community pharmacy workforce development across the North West, working with Metaphor Development. The development must cover skills, roles, gap analysis and a future vision.

IC suggested that working group is set up which incorporates all areas involved (AI).

- Al highlighted the plan following feedback from the Contractor Support Planning workshop; there was no member feedback.
- DSP asked about the regular GPCPCS meetings and how much was achieved? All shared some statistics and there have only been 2 meetings and it is about what support needs to be put in place in each area going forward and All shared what types of things are discussed at the meeting.

## 16 | Treasurer's Report

a) CPCW total money is £217,377 as of 21 April 2021

Lloyds Bank Current Account £158,723
Close Brothers 12-month notice account £85,905
Less Holding Money - £27,251

Estates £11,677
 Inhaler Training £5,834
 Warrington Alcohol Pilot £4,500
 EPS Round-Off Event £240
 CWC PH Campaign Resources £5,000

- b) The first 2021/22 PSNC Levy payment has been paid £40,728; the next instalment is due on 1 October.
- c) AW will produce year end accounts and forward to the auditor in preparation for the Annual Report.

#### 17 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 June 2021, 9am-5pm.

# **Action List**

NOTE: Shaded rows indicate an action carried forward from the last meeting(s)

Min	Action	Person	Update	
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9bi	IC will write a brief article for the newsletter regarding provisional registrants	IC	Complete
9biii	Al will investigate Mental Health First Aid training for the team	AI	Ongoing
9biv	AW will send the PCN Lead letter to PSNC	Al	Complete
3	AW will update the website as necessary following review of annual governance topics	AW	Complete
3d	The Declarations of Interest (DOI) form was distributed to members prior to the meeting	Members	Outstanding at 24 May: IC, AH, WJ, LW, KW
4	Al will take forward an action regarding the co-option of an independent committee member	AI	On-going
8	Al will share notes of the inaugural meeting of the Cheshire and Merseyside Primary Care Provider Leadership Forum	AI	Complete
10a	AW will arrange a meeting for the S&R to discuss the annual pay review	AW	Complete
14a	AW will add a few topics to the June LPC meeting	AW	Noted
14c	Members should review the Top Tips guides and reply to AW by 30 April	Members	Complete
14c	AW will finalise and publish the Top Tips documents	AW	Complete
14d	AI/DSP/IC will draft their sections of the Annual Report and forward to AW	AI/DSP/IC	Ongoing
14e	Members will let AW know their company stance on face-to-face meetings by 30 April.	Members	Complete
14e	AW will contact the Forest Hills to understand their plans on reopening their meeting rooms safely	AW	Complete
14e	Al will explore options for purchasing equipment which will allow guests/members to join physical meetings via virtual means if necessary	AI	In progress
15	AI will look to set up a working group for the HEE/Metaphor work stream	Al	In progress
16c	AW will produce year end accounts and forward to the auditor in preparation for the Annual Report	AW	Complete