

Minutes

Microsoft Teams Meeting: 20th April 9.30am – 1.30pm



Invitees:

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Chair: Chris Shields

Members: Robert Townsend; Graham Jones; Paddy Gompels; Aga Janowski; Abigail Wright; 3 CCA vacancies

Employees: Sarah Cotton; Carolyn Beale

Guests: Alison Kidner (Sarum Pharmacy)

Apologies: Helen Wilkinson (BSW ICB); Tim Rendell; Kalpesh Gondliya

AP - Action Point.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies; Confirmation/update of Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Welcome to Alison Kidner – Sarum Pharmacy in Salisbury</p> <p>No declarations of Interest to note.</p>	
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Minutes – agreed. Slight amendment to the financial section made. Chris thanked Robert for all his work with the accounts for the past year. • Action tracker <p>GP CPCS Implementation Managers (IM)– Helen Wilkinson met with Mandy, the IM for Swindon to clarify the funding situation. This is still current and the area has access to the IM on request. SC advises the area to use the IM while it is still in post. CB stated she will also help on request, but will not be pushing this further.</p> <p>UTI PGD – Query around the first line drug choice, Helen Wilkinson has picked this up and this is now under review.</p> <p>Pathfinder – Passed regional moderation and is now with National moderation.</p> <p>Health Checks – SC has informally raised the issue of the payment being low with SBC. There are 8 that are keen to increase activity with the service. CB attended a health check meeting and she brought up the issue of the tariff, this was not considered likely to be changed. SC is attending a meeting with the Wiltshire council next week regarding health checks. PG will attend the meeting with SC.</p> <p>Kotryna, Social Media - action closed.</p> <p>MiDos - action closed.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Reports and updates - sent out prior to the meeting. - Loyds pharmacies are still closing and with short notice. - Helen Wilkinson is having a meeting with Boots regarding issues around GP CPCS and locums and CB has been invited to attend. - SC has been preparing the election documentation, CCA and AIMp do want to fill all the places they have been allocated. Independent documents have now gone out to contractors for nominations. CB has been checking the independents have received the documents as the timescale for reply is short. - ICS - There is funding available from the integration team around the DMS, there have been talks about how best to spend this money. A job specification has been drawn up for a person to support this, SC has been a part of this and has asked to be on the interview panel. - The Teach and Treat service has been going really well and has been positive. They have increased the number of pharmacists they can take in the next cohort from 6 to 9 in September. These places are already full and there is a waiting list. - Graham is meeting the local MP on 12th May. 	
3.	<p>GP-CPCS</p> <p>CB sent out graphs showing to the end of December, this is showing an increase of around 300 each month. CB has been working with areas that have had issues and this has been positive.</p> <p>Discussion around the service and the challenges encountered. When CB visits any contractors she offers help with all services.</p>	
4.	<p>TAPR discussions</p> <p>No specific update. CS to meet with chairs as previously arranged.</p>	
5.	<p>PCNs</p> <p>PCN leads now do not have funding. The ICBs have been looking into this, there is money within the regional teams and discussions are underway to decide how to best use this. Only half of the PCNs currently have leads in place. CB has been speaking to some new possible leads who have shown an interest.</p> <p>No more update available about what will happen. SC and HW are looking into how to move this forward for Swindon and Wiltshire. Discussion around the amount of funding that is needed to enable this to continue in the area.</p> <p>Alison is still waiting for some historic funding to come through for this.</p>	

6.	<p>Items requiring Discussion/Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contraception service <p>This has been discussed more generally in last month's meeting.</p> <p>The NHS will launch the contraception service next week, this is in contradiction to the PSNCs position. Discussion on if this is the first time this has been done without the PSNCs backing. CS states that individual pharmacies will decide if they wish to do the service themselves. The committee's stance is still that they will consider appropriate support when requested but will not actively promote the service.</p> <p>AP: CS has asked SC to check what the other LPCs are doing in the South West to see if it is a unified approach.</p> <p>Discussion around which pharmacies may take part in the service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategy 23/24 <p>SC created a one page document to make it easier, this was shared with the committee.</p> <p>The levy is to be reduced by £15,000 and the excess to be used elsewhere. RT has asked if this is ok to do and what the tax implications might be. The committee discussed and agreed this needs to be checked. Also discussed a levy holiday as an alternative.</p> <p>AP - RT to check with the accountants/PSNC.</p> <p>Vote taken to delay the levy reduction until the tax issue has been clarified and this will be reviewed in the May meeting. Unanimous vote.</p> <p>PCT funds, SC clarified how to note this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Closures policy – impact <p>A new policy was introduced in November 2022. BSW is high on unexpected closures. The committee agree that workforce issues are an issue, pharmacies are still remaining open during these tough times, but fines or breach notices for unexpected closures will not help and the committee ask for grace from the regional team to understand why this may happen at times.</p> <p>SC looked up the charge for an unexpected closure and shared this with the committee. The committee would like to know in what circumstances fines are given as not all unexpected closures result in a fine. This will be put on the agenda for next month, to continue discussions around this with more context to be able to make a comment.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dermatology pilot – IP <p>There is an opportunity that has been highlighted to a pathfinder programme to train and empower community pharmacy to provide dermatological services currently handled by GPs. The letter has been forwarded already to the committee before the meeting.</p> <p>The committee have agreed to show interest and ask for more information to make a decision on how to proceed and ask what training is required.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National meeting of LPC and PSNC falls on the same day as the next LPC meeting. TR volunteered to attend this online. SC will check with TR. CS will also register and log in when possible. • CS received an email from Boots Great Western outpatients. They are receiving a lot of patients coming into them with an FP10 as the pharmacy were unable to get the stock. The hospital are unable to dispense this and have asked the committee to remind contractors that they cannot refer to the Boots pharmacy at the Great Western if they are out of stock. There are no specific offenders. SC will add to the newsletter. • University of Bath are looking for community pharmacists to feed into a focus group to discuss how placements would work going forwards with the new Mpharm degree. CS has asked if anyone wishes to feed into this. PG will take part and others will confirm nearer the time. • Swindon Health and Care Professional Director (Lucy Heath) has contacted Helen Wilkinson to ask is community pharmacy willing to ask any young person who is prescribed anti depressants more information to help with their mental health. The committee agree that this will usually be asked by the pharmacist. If more intervention were to be needed the committee agree this should be an additional service. <p>Contract Application.</p> <p>Discussion around a contract application for Westrop. Members who were interested parties on the application were not part of this discussion.</p> <p>CB will reply that there is already adequate provision as highlighted in the PNA, in line with previous responses. CB has responded to each point to justify the decision. The relevant committee members have approved this response.</p>	

Meeting Dates: 18th May, 22nd June, 20th July, 21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov.