

LPC Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting Wednesday 5th August 2020

Present: Bina Patel Simon Moul Tunde Sokoya Penny Skellern
 Jon Lake

In attendance: Karen Samuel Smith Ashok Pattani Angela Culleton
 Sarah Read Frank McLaughlan

Contract Change update

One active application for a relocation, Easter Pharmacy, Buckhurst Hill. Tunde declared an interest. Committee agreed to support the application (Bina nominated; Jon seconded)

PNA

The PNA processes will be starting in February 2021 covering Essex, Thurrock and Southend, (based on the Health and Wellbeing Boards) The process and consultation will take approximately 15 months to complete.

During this time we will also review ruralities and controlled localities.

Research Proposal

Simon has been approached by Paul Conroy to consider pharmacies testing out a device to determine whether environmental factors have an impact on dispensing errors. Committee members agreed that if the experiment did not incur pharmacies with a cost may be interested to pursue.

Action: Simon to follow up with Paul

Daichii-Sankyo UK

Essex LPC have been working on next stages with Daichii Sankyo (DSUK) following First Thing First and have provisionally secured some funding for all Essex pharmacies to review patients on DOAC at 3 and 6 months after initiation. Discussion took place around how the funding would be received, ideally through Essex LPC or HLPartnership, however DSUK may insist on an NHS organisation. It was agreed that if the funding has to go via a CCG then the project should become a CCG, rather than LPC project: Regardless of how the money is received, community pharmacies would benefit from it.

Independent Review Next Steps

The purpose of this discussion was to agree a way forward with the 4 questions that the PSNC have posed.

1. How do we fund the process, both to take work on the independent review forwards, and any longer-term changes to LPCs and PSNC?
2. How will we explore the review's findings and recommendations together, and consider any alternative proposals?
3. How will we manage this process and any future transformation from a governance perspective?
4. What do we need to do to ensure that contractors have ultimate oversight of this process?

All members contributed to commenting on the questions, and it was agreed that Karen would draft and circulate to committee in due course.

All Essex community pharmacies must be encouraged to participate, details of PSNC webinar to be circulated taking place on Monday 10th August 2020

Essex LPC Annual Report

The draft report is just being finalised and will be circulated to all committee members week commencing 10th August 2020 for their comments.

Essex LPC Conference and AGM

The conference and AGM will be held virtually on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm, Ed Waller, Director for Primary Care Strategy and NHS Contracts, leading for NHS England and NHS Improvement has already confirmed his attendance. Anticipating 2 more guest speakers, but yet to be confirmed.

Flu Vaccination Service 2020

Details should be circulated imminently, appears to have more flexibility, ability to do off site, in care homes. Consideration will need to be given for PPE. At risk will be vaccinated during September/October 2020, and 50-64 year olds will start in November. Essential pharmacies and GPs work closely with the service.

Skin Related Issues

Tunde mentioned that he has noticed an increase number of skin related issues recently and this was echoed by other committee members. These cases would normally be seen by GP; however, some patients are having to be referred back to the GP as antibiotics or stronger steroid creams are needed. Karen to feedback to APC.

GP CPCS

GP referral route for the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) is being piloted in Mid-Essex and will be going live on Monday 17th August. Pharmacy have been identified that currently supports patients from at least one participating GP practice. As it's a pilot it will be reviewed by the Pharmacy Integration Fund team as part of the national evaluation. The evaluation is due to commence October 2020.

Covid-19 Staff Risk Assessments

Sarah asked whether the office had received calls about the staff risk assessments. There were initially, and queries about requirements to complete snap survey to qualify for PQS. Calls now seem focussed on where risks were identified pharmacies need to follow up and put mitigations in place.

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