

Community Pharmacy Arden (CPA)

Meeting 7th September 2023

Minutes

In attendance: Jas Heer (JH), Bal Heer (BH from 11am), Faye Owen (FO), Theresa Fryer (TF), Sat Kotecha (SK), Sam Griffiths (SG), Caroline Harvey (CH), Baljit Chaggar (BC), Fiona Lowe (FL) and Eva Cardall (EC)

Apologies: Mike O'Donnell, LMC – Andrew Warner / Maggie Edwards (scheduled between 11 – 12.00) and Khalid Anwar (Crest – Hillfields Coventry, Independent rep candidate) CPCL – Arrandeep Konkon

Guests: ICB – Altaz Dhanani (AD) Deputy Director Medicine Optimisation (11-12.00) Independent Rep Vacancy Applicants – Michael Burr (MB) (Nuneaton – Warwickshire North; Adel Ghulam (AG) (Earlsdon - Coventry); Sumeet Randhawa (SR) (Hipswell Highway Coventry) Andrew McKenna (AM) (South Warwickshire) (11- 14:30)

DOI & minutes & AOB, market entry & guest preparation & EOIs Independent Vacancy 9.30am

- Minutes approved from last meeting
- Discussion on balance of constitution and requirement or preference for having representation from both areas, in reference to the independent candidates that had applied for the position.

Accounts & Finance Update (see box for detail) 10am

- Brief summary of bank account status and ordering cards for the levy account.
- Voted in favour of renewal of VO sub at cost of £2-3k pa. LPC team to continue to promote the use of VO in comms.

CPE Update – Jas Heer 10.15am

- JH presents slide deck (available on box)
- Discussion around recovery plan, the launch date for CCS being pushed to Jan most likely.

Independent applicant guests join: AB, AG, SR, AM at 11am

BH joins meeting at 11am

ICB Update & IPMO – AD – 11am

- *AD joins meeting at 11am*
- Paxlovid: Increase in cohort of patients eligible for Paxlovid treatment as per NICE guidance means the CMDU will have up to 4x as many prescriptions. CH mentions that the prescriptions often don't have the information about checks being done etc and this needs to be fed back to CMDU. AD says he will feed this back straight away.
- ICB Strategy has pharmacy at its core and plans to increase presence of pharmacy representation at monthly forums. Tim Sacks wants to 'harmonise enhanced services' such that their delivery integrates well with overall objectives in primary care.

- Medicines Optimisation: There is a medicines optimisation opportunity nationally with big push to improve clinical and cost efficiency. Focus on biologics, greener NHS agenda, valproate safety (still instances of pregnant women taking the drug), Antibiotic dose reduction to lowest course duration.
- EDCPCS: money for Pharmrefer being put to IPMO group.
- EOL: expansion of provision of palliative care service to 25 pharmacies across CW. **Action: AD to send new spec and lists to LPC for review before EC approaches pharmacies which could meet the geographical and opening hour requirements.**
- *AD leaves meeting 12pm*

New Services and Recovery Plan 12:00pm

- FL briefly covers this off as a potential peer review topic. As and when we have more detail on the spec of the new CCS services, how we integrate these into our current pharmacy working models and how these will enhance and improve pharmacy performance.

Independents Applicants 12:10-1.10pm

- Independent applicants have opportunities to introduce themselves to the group and explain their current roles and what they would bring to the committee. There are four applicants on the call.
- The group asked questions of the candidates around what pharmacy needs to progress and improve in the future, what their views on services were and how they would foster good relationships with stakeholders.

LUNCH BREAK

AG and SR return post lunch, AM and MB do not.

Blood Pressure Service Progression 1.30pm

- Discussion around current BP delivery numbers and % conversion to AMBP
- Reasons patients give for declining AMBP are discussed. FO mentions that one surgery are requesting readings five days in a row (meaning five x£15 payments for pharmacy) but this is unusual practice.
- EC/FL discuss the work going on around ascertaining the number of pharmacies without access to AMBP as this is a barrier to LPC promotion to increase delivery of the service as it is required in spec.
- EC reports discussion with ICB colleagues around sending messages to patients to go to pharmacy for their routine BP measurement but pharmacy capacity around flu/covid time are another barrier to pushing this forwards.
- Advertising push is limited by variability in provision.
- Individually pharmacies should be pushing their surgeries to take on their routine BP measurements, relationship building at local level is essential for this service

Planning for AGM workshops

- AGM overview, facilitation and Fuller Team of Teams.
- AGM agenda available on box (updated as changes are made)

LPC Office: Unit 24 Basepoint Business Centre; Crab Apple Way, Vale Park, Evesham, WR11 1GP

- Group discusses key service topics to be covered as per provisional agenda.
- Group wants to cover: Stock shortages so this has been added to agenda. Fiona added these 20/09/23.
- CH suggests attendance of microlife AMBP manufacturers and will make contact with them.

AG and SR leave meeting 2.20pm

Independent Vacancy

- Robust discussion around the candidates for independent vacancy. Maintenance of the balance of representatives across Coventry and Warwickshire was a significant factor in these discussions. Majority decision for Sumeet and to approach Adel and Andy for some adhoc work and support.

Governance - Review of ToR

- Group reminded that ToR are on box and any comments can be emailed in to LPC.

AOB & CCA questions

- Group agrees to new website branding as per HW website.

3.30pm – meeting ends

Minutes approved on 11th January 2024.