Community Pharmacy Arden (CPA) Minutes from LPC Meeting 3/7/2025 at HI, Coventry

09:30 – 14:00 (open mins)

PRESENT	Sam Griffiths (SG) Chair Members: Jas Heer (JH), Bal Heer (BH), Faye Owen (FO), Theresa Fryer (TF), Baljit Chaggar; (BC), Sumeet Randhawa (SR), Caroline Harvey (CH) Team: Fiona Lowe (FL) CEO, Eva Cardall (EC)
APOLOGIES	Mike O'Donnell (MD), Satyan Kotecha (SK)
GUESTS	No guests in attendance at this meeting due to diary clashes

1. **Welcome, DOI, Minutes AOB, matters arising**

Changes to minutes – to add in 'CCA feedback on constitution was discussed'. Some wording to be changed re: App Jas Heer, change 'can' to 'cannot'. These changes are made by EC during the meeting and the LPC approved the revised minutes as an accurate record.

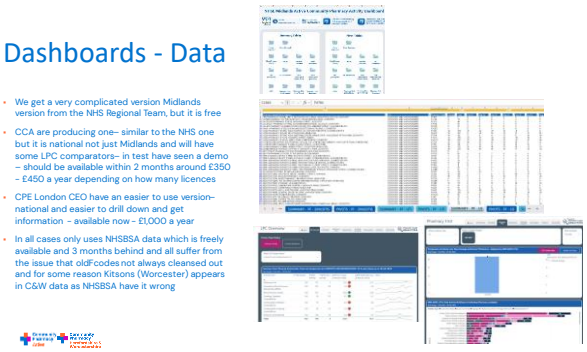
FL – asks LPC for view on CPE core hour regulations changes. JH says he will get more info from Gordon next week. What are views on the Sunday hour change application for 100hr change application if allowed.

JH: main test is impact on patients.

Skills and capacity audit and confidentiality form completed and collated during the meeting. SK and MOD to follow at next meeting.

2. **Market Entry & PNA & CO report**

LPC is shown some options for marketing and for dashboard:



Marketing – LPC agrees this is a good option and approves the spend either as C&W alone or as joint venture with H&W. FL will confirm stance with HW LPC and progress it collectively or independently.

Database – LPC view to wait and see in September what CCA final version looks like first, although we could fund either and whichever most useful.

TF gives finance update and that all accounts are in order for end of year

LPC Members were reminded that anything else for Annual Report needs to come to FL asap (by 1st August) to be included.

3. CPE Update

JH provides updates on community pharmacy negotiations and LPC support initiatives in the West Midlands.

June meeting of Committee

- Full Committee met in Liverpool on June 25-26, 2025.
- Key topics included LPC feedback, political pressures, CPCF changes, and economic pressures.
- Focus on positioning for upcoming CPCF negotiations.

Negotiations preparation

- Lessons learned from previous negotiations were reviewed to inform future strategies.
- Key priorities include closing funding gaps and achieving sustainable funding models.
- Sector engagement planned for July to gather input from LPCs and pharmacy owners.

Economic & Dispensing Projects Update

- Community Pharmacy England commissioned economic work to assess funding needs, conducted by PA Consulting.

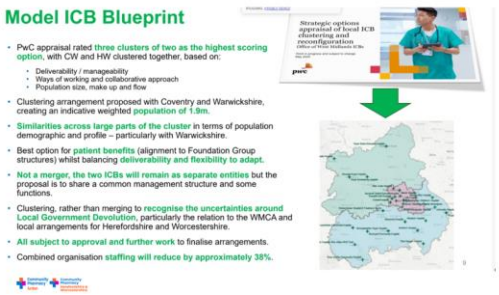
- Workstreams include implications of funding settlements, evaluation of retained margins, and alternative funding models.
- Consultant James Davies is exploring pharmacist flexibility in dispensing to improve patient care and manage supply disruptions.

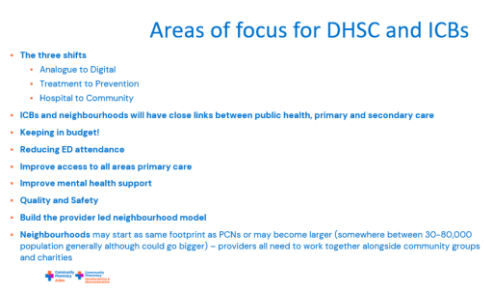
JH tells group that 94% of contractors said they would be applying to change core hours. 100hrs pharmacy rules still apply. JH to confirm.

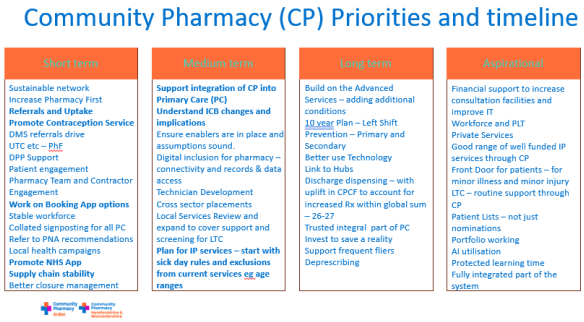
4. Strategy Update (including INT v PCN, ICB potential clusters)

FL shares the CEO report, annual report and strategy summary slides with the LPC. The new make-up of clusters is still unclear and some discussion around how 'health neighbourhoods' might be organised is had.

Group discussion on App development work for PFS referrals is mixed with concern over the viability of the system and its cost if it was used more broadly. However, it is concluded that these concerns were covered off in May meeting and that the exploration of the benefits of the App development and collaborative working with GP practices would support the increase of PFS referrals which are desperately needed by our contractors.







Lunch 12.30-1pm

5. Services Update

CDLin – EC updates group on CDLin feedback on some emergency supplies of CDs via urgent supply, reminder of what can legally be supplied has been sent to pharmacies

CGL feedback on payment issues

Verbal summary on current key areas given. Need for focus on ABPM delivery (from October 1 per month will be needed) and on the thresholds for the PFS monthly payment. Discussion on numbers of not hitting the thresholds each month, estimated at 50%.

6. **AOB**

Supply chain – LPC discusses HRT issues of 12 months and impact and the best approach. Agreed should be raised as a supply chain issue primarily to the ICB working group. Meeting closed

14:00 Members do pharmacy visits in pairs from 2pm