**Devon Local Pharmaceutical Committee**

**Daytime meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023**

**Using TEAMS**

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| **1/1836** | **Present:** David Bearman, Mike Charlton, Alison Hayes, Rachel Fergie, Kelly Holman, Andrew Howitt, Sian Retallick, Jo Watson  **In Attendance:** Sue Taylor, Kathryn Jones, Leah Wolf | |
| **1/1837** | **Apologies**: Ron Kirk, Matt Robinson | |
| **1/1838** | **Introductions:** Introduction of new DLPC member, Leah Wolf, Business Service Lead, and existing committee members | |
| **1/1839** | **Declarations of Interest** | Declarations of interest will need to be completed by all members once the election for the new Committee has taken place in July 2023. |
| **1/1840** | **Minutes of the last meeting** | The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2023 were approved as a correct record. |
| **1/1841** | **Matters arising** | **Proposed Meeting Dates for 2023/24**  Change 24th May daytime meeting to 5th June 2023 Virtual meeting 7.30 pm.  Change 17th July evening to 19th July daytime Face to Face  September meeting 20th September 2023 daytime Face to face |
| **1/1842** | **CPCS Services in Devon (Discharge Medicines Service; CPCS, Hypertension Case Finding Service Smoking Cessation)** | An update on services had been requested by the requested by the Committee at last meeting. Kelly Holman had prepared a presentation on the advanced services provision covering delivery, provision and challenges.  The presentation is attached as an appendix to the minutes; and following discussion on each service a set of actions were agreed for the Secretariat to take forward.  **Discharge Medicines Service**  **Actions**: Work is going on with the pharmacy teams at the Acute Trusts in Devon to ensure that the DMS referrals are being increased and the service being utilised appropriately.  To agree DMS cross pharmacy sector masterclasses using a similar approach to the Plymouth event held last Autumn. Sue Taylor advised the LPC could accommodate for June/ July.  **111 CPCS**  There were still issues with locums being unwilling to provide the service and some discussion took place on local issues with escalations back to the 111 CAS etc.  **Actions:** LPC to produce a one-pager guide with flow chart for pharmacy teams.  **Actions:** Sue Taylor to provide David Bearman with pointers on issues faced ahead of drop-in sessions held by PPG, the provider for 111.  **Actions:** Possible peer review on referrals to be looked at on a regional basis; Jo Watson agreed to raise with Amelia Randle the South-West Chair of the Urgent Care Regional Network.  **GPCPCS**  Challenges similar to 111 CPCS and all agreed that it is essential to have a joined-up approach.  **Action:** Update to be provided by Karen Button around local successes and the work she is undertaking on behalf of the system. Invite Karen to the June meeting.  **Action**: LPC to produce a one-pager guide for the GP CPCS  **Hypertension Case Finding Service**  It was noted that Devon was performing higher than the rest of the UK in terms of interventions made.  Sue Taylor asked Jo Watson to give an update on data regarding practices outsourcing ABPM checks based on a deep dive she had made into the public health data.  23 contractors in Plymouth were in the lowest IMD decile of Plymouth so the value of the service to population health management and areas of deprivation was highlighted.  Work ongoing in Plymouth to improve communication between practices and community pharmacies.  **Action:** Jo Watson to report back on pharmacies sharing all ABPM data for over 45s with practices to improve QOF score for practices.  **Action:** Kelly Holman to provide data on reasons for pharmacies not providing the service, e.g., not having access to adequate equipment.  Kelly Holman provided an update on the forthcoming hypertension service event being held in Plymouth the following week. This event would provide the opportunity for people to have hands on experience of using the equipment.  **Action:** To remind pharmacy teams of the need to ensure that a summary of all BP readings for patients should be sent on a regular basis to the local practice. Agreed to send out a Top Tips for the Hypertension service with the next newsletter.  **Smoking Cessation Service**  Update given on uptake of service in Devon. Numbers were currently very low although all Trusts had gone live with their referral pathways. Capacity in community pharmacy is the biggest issue for community pharmacy teams currently and this is not a priority at the current time.  **Action:** Jo Watson to raise issue of intensive training acting as a blocker to service take up and whether this could be addressed nationally.  **Contraception service**  There was a brief overview of ongoing Tier 1 service and patient pathway, including funding.  Members discussed the take up of the new service. Sian Retallick, as PSNC, representative update on how Ministers were lobbied for extra funding, however this had not been forthcoming, and the service was rolled out despite the PSNC’s warnings about the risks. It was agreed the LPC should support the PSNC view and keep the service on the back burner, and not be proactively promoting it.  The majority of companies were not planning to sign up for the service at this point in time.  **Action:** The members asked that the next meeting reviewed the provision of local services. |
| **1/1844** | **Year End Accounts** | In the absence of the Treasurer, Kathryn Jones provided a report on the financial position of the LPC at the year-end; overall it was positive.  No financial report was available for April as we were only part way through the month. |
| **1/1845** | **Secretariat Report** | There was a query regarding notification of closing times of a Day Lewis branch. Kathryn Jones confirmed this had been included as per info provided by NHS England. |
| **1/1846** | **PSNC update** | Sian Retallick provided five bullet points from the last meeting:   * New contraception service; PSNC haven’t provided any supporting materials. * Funding for a Pharmacy First service. * New PSNC committee in place this week; reduced to 24 members. * Good progress being made on the Transforming Pharmacy Representation; next phase of implementation will focus on governance. * Publicity Resources available following Pressures survey, for all contractors and LPCs to use. |
| **1/1847** | **TAPR Update and LPC elections** | Sue Taylor gave an update on where Devon LPC was; the CCA has been advised that there are seven places for CCA members, and this has been accepted; three independents and one AIMp place with the current proportional split in contractor base.  Sue has been involved in a PSNC working group looking at the rebranding of the LPCs in line with Community Pharmacy England; the latter will come into effect at the end of May. |
|  | **AOB** | **None** |
|  | **Date of next meeting** | **Next meeting: Monday 5th June 2023 Evening meeting using Teams 7.15pm for 7.30pm** |

**Dates of proposed LPC meetings 2023/24 (revised)**

* + **5th June 2023 – evening**
  + **19th July 2023 – daytime**
  + **20th September 2023 – daytime**
  + **30 October 2023 – evening**
  + **11th December 2023 – evening**
  + **17th January 2024 – daytime**
  + **4th March 2024 - evening**