

LPC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 7 September 2022

1	Present					
	Members			In Attendance		
	Danny Butler	Independent	DBu	Suzanne Austin	PSM	SA
	Daniel Byatt	AIMp	DB	Sara Davies	EO	SDa
	David Crosbie CCA DC		Adam Irvine	CEO	AI	
	lan Cubbin	Independent	IC	Gary Pickering	PSM	GP
	Stuart Dudley	Independent	SD	Alison Williams	BSO	AW
	Jack Eckersley	Independent	JE			
	Jemma Grossman	ССА	JG	Apologies	Apologies	
	Heather Johnson	ССА	HJ	Andrew Hodgson	Independent	AH
	Rachel Jones	ССА	AM	Wesley Jones	CCA	WJ
	Dane Stratton-Powell	ССА	DSP	Anna Mir	CCA	AM
	Katrina Worthington	ССА	KW	Stephen Thomas	CCA	ST
2	Welcome, Apologies and Expressions of Interest					
	DSP chaired the meeting and welcomed members, including Danny Butler who has recently					cently
	been co-opted to fill the vacant independent seat until 31 March 2023.					
	Apologies were received from AH, WJ, AM and ST. DSP reported that this will be Katrina Worthington's last LPC meeting as she will be starting a new role within the Regulations team at PSNC shortly. AW will seek a replacement CCA member.					arting a
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	No expressions of inte	rest were receiv	ed.			
3	Suzanne Austin - Chair of the Cheshire LPN					
	SA updated members	on the following	LPN/NH	SE business:		
	The CPAF retu	irn rate have bee	en great a	across Cheshire and Me	erseyside; final r	esults
		will be shared shortly.				
				/Bunbury) as part of DS		
		 The MIAA met on 6 September – the group are reporting monthly to the transformation boards. Various workstreams include Oral Nutrition, QIPP plans and 'Virtual Wards' 				
			National	Booking Service (NBS)	- all COVID sites	have
	been signed up automatically and the expressions of interest received from other pharmacies are currently being reviewed. Going forward the intention is that the NB will be used year on year to book flu vaccinations.					

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	 The COVID Phase 5 vaccination programme will run over 15 weeks, initially with a limited supply of the Moderna bivalent vaccine in the first 4 weeks. There remain challenges in terms of availability of vaccinators and volunteers to deliver the service. The Assisted Medicines Taking PDF has gone out. Multiple solutions will be needed to address the complicated issues. ICS vacancies – interviews are currently being conducted for the Band 9 position and the Band 8c appointment has been offered. Updates will follow over the coming weeks and both appointees will be invited to a future LPC meeting. 				
4	Ian Cubbin - PSNC Report				
	PSNC have met twice virtually since the last LPC meeting to discuss the RSG; IC updated members on the following PSNC business:				
	 The RSG has now ceased to exist following recent voting. Until a new PSNC Constitution for PSNC has been voted in they are unable to advise what LPC's should be doing. Voting will take place when PSNC meet (virtually due to the rail strikes) on 13-14 September. August concessions. Discount Scale and the rationale around the decision. 				
	• With the advent of a new Government there will be a small window of opportunity for lobbying.				
	 The LPC Conference is scheduled for 22 September where the RSG recommendations and contractual matters will be covered. 				
	• The Year 4 negotiations were signed off in May by PSNC, preceding the Government shakeup. Concerns have been raised in the subsequent delay to the implementation and the resulting impact of changes.				
5	Review Steering Group (Standing Agenda Item)				
	The RSG recommendations will be discussed during the LPC Conference. IC gave an update on recent discussions and thinking regarding mergers. It was recognised that the Mersey region is a good example nationally of LPCs who successfully work collaboratively.				
	The MALPS region LPC chairs are reviewing financial options for potential future mergers.				
6	Feedback				
	a) Staff & Resource (S&R)				
	There was nothing to feedback.				
7	Minutes of CPCW Meeting – 20 July 2022				
	a) The minutes were accepted and signed.				
	b) Outstanding actions/updates:				
	i. AM will let AW have a biography for the LPC website.				
	ii. Al will update the Staff Handbook to include information on Jury service.				
	iii. Members who wish to attend the MHFA training should book on a suitable course and arrange payment through AW/claim on expenses				
	iv. Members should send examples of environmentally friendly initiatives to Al to include in a response to the CWAC Place Plan				
8	Member Feedback - Important Items and Context				
	Current issues that pharmacy teams are finding challenging:				
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	•	Several surgeries raised concerns about the MyGP App automatically signposting patients to Pharmacy2U or Lloyds Direct. This is leading to significant patient confusion and increased pressure on pharmacy resources. Al has previously contacted PSNC, and he summarised their response; members should raise any concerns with the team who will deal with this locally as necessary. Dealing with stock shortages and inflated prices continues to be problematic. Bank Holiday communications regarding prescription ordering.		
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	a)	LPC Conference – Thursday 22 September		
		The LPC can field 4 delegates to the conference in Manchester (1 'in person' (Al registered) and 3 online). AW will register DSP/SDa.		
	b)	2023 LPC Meeting Dates and Venue		
		The proposed meeting dates for 2023 were pre-circulated to members. AW will book the Forest Hills and circulate the meeting invitations to the committee.		
	c)	MALPS Agenda Items/Attendees		
		AI and DSP will attend the meeting on 21 September. AW will add regional structures following the RSG proposals to the agenda.		
	d)	National Services Flyer (<mark>AW</mark>)		
		A draft flyer, containing CPCW information, was pre-circulated for comment. Members supported the document which will be circulated to the ICS and 4 CPCW Place Leads for information.		
		The document will be duplicated for each place, minus the numbers, for digital circulation to contactors, patient bodies. This version will also include local service information.		
	e)	LPC Dinner		
		Members were reminded to let AW know if they are attending the dinner on Saturday 1 October so that the necessary arrangements can be made.		
	f)	LPC Member Day		
		AW reminded members that there are 2 online PSNC training days.		
	g)	Single Page Article		
		IC introduced a proposal, which was supported by members, to produce and circulate an article to demonstrate that CPCW are fully behind our contractors and the public at this difficult time. The budget was pre-agreed.		
		AI will own the process of pulling this together with the support of the team and members.		
10	Emplo	yee Report		
	An em	ployee report was pre-circulated to members.		
	AI and	SDa provided updates; slides will be shared after the meeting.		
	•	AI topics included ICS Update, NHSE&I, CPCW 10 Year Strategy, ICS Place Directors, DMS		
	•	SDa topics included GP CPCS, OCMS,		
	•	Additional points to note:		
		 Due to how labour intensive managing the DMS process is a discussion took place amongst members to see if any best practices could be shared. 		

11	Treasurer's Report				
	a) CPCW total money is £274,258 as of 6 September 2022:				
		Lloyds Bank Current Account	£184,002		
		Close Brothers 12-month notice account	£117,507		
		Less Holding Money	- £27,251		
		• Estates	£11,677		
		Inhaler Training	£5,834		
		 Warrington Alcohol Pilot EPS Round-Off Event 	£4,500 £240		
		 EPS Round-Off Event CWC PH Campaign Resources 	£240 £5,000		
	b)	The second half PSNC levy is due to be paid			
	 At some point, CPCW will need to consider any consequences of the increased PSNC levy which will be introduced following the results of the RSG result. 				
	d) The GAF sub-committee will meet on 12 October to review the Q2 accounts; any proposals will be shared during the 19 October LPC meeting.				
12	GP CPCS Update				
	GP updated members on the status of GP CPCS service and spoke to a set of slides.				
	Members discussed the ongoing issue of several contractors who consistently fail to deliver				
	the service and how the LPC can support the service to prevent this from happening including				
	de-commissioning options. Several immediate actions were identified which AI will progress:				
	 Identify the top performers and share best practice? 				
	Poor performers trigger a CPAF visit?				
	•	SDa will share fortnightly information to co	mmittee members		
13		nments and Electronic Repeats			
		circulated some GP comments, received by .			
		it asking GPs if they could send scripts to the t electronic repeats arriving in very large bat			
	-	coming during the day. Comments/proposed			
	 Members would not advocate 56-day prescribing. 				
	•	Change patient habit to order 7-days before	-		
		collected from the pharmacy; message nee	ds to be repeated across the board		
		<mark>Al</mark> will feedback to PSNC			
		SA will feedback to Janet Kenyon			
	AI/GP will feedback via the LMCs for Wirral and Warrington				
	•	Better manage patient misconceptions rega	o 1		
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14		nance and Delivery Workshop Outcomes ed the proposed workplan developed by the	team which members signed off		
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13	Date and Time of Next Meeting Wednesday 19 October 2022, 9am-5pm, Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham				
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Action List

NOTE: Shaded rows indicate an action carried forward from the last meeting(s)

Min	Action	Person	Update
7bii	AI will update the Staff Handbook to include information on Jury service	AI	Complete
7biii	Members who wished to attend the MHFA training should book on a suitable course and arrange payment through AW	Members	Open offer – removed from actions
7biv	Members should send in examples of environmentally friendly initiatives to AI to include in a response to the CWAC Place Plan	Members Al	
2	AW will seek a replacement CCA member	AW	Complete
8	Members should raise any concerns with the MyGP app with the team who will deal with this locally as necessary	Members	
9a	AW will register DSP/SDa for the LPC Conference	AW	Complete
9b	AW will book the Forest Hills Centre and circulate the meeting invitations to the committee	AW	Complete
9c	AW will add regional structures following RSG to the agenda	AW	Complete
9e	<mark>Members</mark> should let AW know if they are able to attend the LPC Dinner	Members	Complete
9g	AI will own the process of pulling the newspaper article together with the support of the team and members	AI/AW	Complete
12	Al will progress several actions regarding GP CPCS performance	AI	Complete — Verbal update will be given
12	<mark>SDa</mark> will share fortnightly GP CPCS information to committee members	SDa	
13	GP Comments and Electronic Repeats	AI/SA/GP	Complete
	Change patient habit to order 7-days before they require their medication to be collected from the pharmacy; message needs to be repeated across the board Al will feedback this to PSNC SA will request this via Janet Kenyon AI/GP will request this via the LMC for Wirral and Warrington		