



What your L.P.C. has done for you in 2011-12

- Keeping Bolton pharmacies in the NHS radar
- Healthy Living Pharmacy
- Flu & Alcohol Pilots
- All enhanced services still commissioned

Foreword by the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

It has been another year of trial and tribulation for pharmacy contractors.

Bolton LPC has strived to maintain contractor income and increase it wherever possible. With Category M squeezes and no decision on the Control of Entry Regulations, bringing a lack of confidence in the future of pharmacy services, we have still secured the commissioning of existing enhanced services and provided the opportunity for pharmacy to show they can deliver other services via the flu vaccination and alcohol brief intervention pilots this year.

We hope to see both of these pilots turn into full blow services in the coming year together with a borough wide Minor Ailment Scheme

We have started to progress the 'Healthy Living Pharmacy' concept with our PCT and Public Health colleagues, and see this as a way of delivering health improvement for our patients and putting us in a good position for commissioning of future services.

The changing NHS architecture has meant the LPC has needed to talk to the local authority and the newly emerging clinical commissioning groups who will be responsible for commissioning our current services and future ones. This has been very rewarding so far and puts us on good form for 2013.

We are also working closely with our Greater Manchester LPC colleagues and hope to share good practice across the locality, and look to develop the Local Professional Networks within the new NHS Commissioning Boards.

Within the committee we have seen the loss of one of our longest serving members- Christine Tomlinson- who has been an invaluable voice for community pharmacy. We wish her well. Christine has been replaced by Ismail Tailor and we are sure he will bring a valuable contribution to the committee and the wider pharmacy contractor network.

We wish all our contractors a prosperous financial year together and hope to see an end to some of the uncertainties about our role within the healthcare system which we are all facing.

Karen Rice
Chair Bolton LPC

Aims and Objectives

The Local Pharmaceutical Committee is the independent, autonomous body recognised as representing Pharmacy Contractors in its locality.

Membership

Members of the Committee during 2011-12 were: -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Graeme Kilcross (Independent Contractor)	6	6	100%
Anne Dunphy (Company Chemists Ass)	6	6	100%
Keith Williams (Independent Contractor)	4	6	67%
Robert Heaton (Company Chemists Ass)	6	6	100%
Chiman Patel (Sykes Chemists)	5	6	83%
Mohammed Patel (Independent Contractor)	6	6	100%
Sunil Patel (Hunt & Marsden)	5	6	83%
Deborah Peacock (Independent Contractor)	5	6	83%
Karen Rice (AIM)	5	6	83%
Colin Roberton (Company Chemists Ass)	4	6	67%
Christine Tomlinson (Independent Contractor) Resigned October 2011	3	3	100%
Joanne Myatt (Company Chemists Ass)	3	6	50%
Utam Patel (Independent Contractor)	5	6	83%
Ismail Tailor (Independent Contractor)	1	1	100%

Officers

Chairman	Karen Rice
Vice-Chairman	Christine Tomlinson
Treasurer	Joanne Myatt (From November 2011) Keith Williams
Secretary	Louise Gatley 26 Camellia Close Heaton Bolton BL1 4NY Tel - 01204 840366 E-mail – louisegatley@btinternet.com

Activities

1. Applications

The Primary Care Trust consults the LPC over any Application relating to Pharmacy Contracts. During the period of this report we were asked to consider:

New Contract Applications (Non-Exempt)	2
New Contract Applications (Exempt – 15000 Sq.m.)	1
New Contract Applications (Exempt – 100 hour)	5
New Contract Applications (Exempt – Internet/Mail Order)	3
Major Relocation	0
Minor Relocation Applications	0

The LPC attends meetings of the Application Panel in an advisory capacity without a vote as the Regulations prohibit anyone who works in Community Pharmacy voting.

The application sub-committee was elected by the committee as follows:

- Keith Williams (Chair)
- Karen Rice
- Chiman Patel
- Deborah Peacock

2. Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee

The Government consults this body on matters relating to Community Pharmacy, including remuneration; the North West Regional Representative is Mark Collins. He attends our meetings when possible and organises Regional LPC meetings that enable local LPCs to exchange information and share some of the workload.

The Secretary and Chair attended the LPC Chairs and Secretaries Annual Conference in London.

PSNC also organise the LPC Support Programme of training days. A number of members took advantage of these events covering topics such as:

- Preparing for the future.
- The Future for LPCs.

3. Primary Care Trust

The Pharmacy Development Group has continued as the main vehicle of interaction between the PCT and LPC.

The Committee continues to attend relevant meetings, these include:

- Medication Meeting at the Royal Bolton Hospital
- Local Intelligence Network
- Electronic Prescription Service Project Board
- PCT Board Meeting
- Pharmacy Development Group
- Application Panel
- Healthy Living Pharmacy Project Board
- NHS Bolton Flu Group

Ongoing discussions with CCG representatives, Public Health, LINKs and Careers Group have taken place though out the year as well as maintaining relationships with the Local Council and representatives of the LMC and LOC.

The PCT have a standing invitation to attend the Open part of LPC meetings and have a voice but no vote.

4. The Pharmacy Contract

This was introduced from 1st April 2005 although certain parts of monitoring and reporting came into force later in the year. The PCT commenced monitoring visits in April 2006 and these were broadly welcomed by Contractors as being supportive and advisory. After the initial batch, the PCT were unable to find the resource to visit every pharmacy, but recommenced visits in 2008. The LPC are working alongside NHS Bolton to ensure a framework that is accurate and fair is in place for future visits.

a. Essential Services

The Public Health Training lunches for pharmacy staff, which aim to support the six agreed public health campaigns have continued to be popular during the year.

c. Enhanced Services

i. Smoking Cessation.

This service has continued through the year. Many more staff have now been trained as Intermediate advisors. Further training for both Intermediate Advisors and Pharmacists wishing to supply via PGD are planned for September 2012.

ii. Services to Substance Misusers

The Observed Consumption and Needle & Syringe Exchange scheme continues to provide a service to clients of the Substance Misuse Service.

iii. Emergency Hormonal Contraception

This service has continued through the year.

iv. Minor Ailments

The Service has continued throughout the year in the BL3 area.

v. MAR

The Medicines Administration Record service has continued through the year. The Chair has continued to attend regular meetings with intermediate care, secondary care and social services to discuss various issues around Social Care.

vi. Flu

The autumn saw the launch of a pilot service in a two pharmacies. Following on from the positive results we are in the process of devolving a larger service for the 2012-13 season.

vii. Alcohol

Six pharmacies were involved in a successful pilot from October to December 2012. We hope for a larger service across the HLP pharmacies later in 2012.

Viii HLP

This year saw the start of the Healthy Living Pharmacy Scheme in Bolton with 36 pharmacies across Bolton signing up to take part.

5. Other Matters

a. Website

The LPC website can be found at www.lpc-online.org.uk/bolton_lpc/

c. Meetings

The Committee holds bimonthly meetings. Details are available from the LPC Secretary.