

Bolton Local Pharmaceutical Committee

Annual Report

2012-13

Forward By the Chair

Dear colleagues,

It has been a year of turmoil for the NHS as it moves towards its new structure and pharmacy has started to feel the effects of this already. Bolton LPC has strived to maintain the relationships with our parting PCT colleagues and our newer local authority commissioners in order to maintain a smooth transition of your enhanced service contracts and in turn your remuneration. We hope to continue to work with the NHS personnel who will be working for NHS England and the CSU (Commissioning Support Unit) to maintain and develop pharmacy services into 2013.

With this new NHS architecture we have started to have regular meetings with other LPC Chairs and officers within Greater Manchester forming the GMLPC Group (Community Pharmacy Greater Manchester) as we realise that we may have to look at region wide pharmacy services, be involved in Greater Manchester professional groups, work with Greater Manchester commissioners and streamline our LPC workload.

Within Bolton we have maintained all of our enhanced services and the Flu Service last Autumn / Winter was a great success which we hope to repeat in Autumn 2013.

The Healthy Living Pharmacy (HLP) initiative has gone from strength to strength and working with our public health team has served us well for the transition of public health services to the local authority. We hope to award our HLP pharmacies their Level 1 Awards in September 2013.

This is all against a backdrop of a recession and further squeezes on pharmacy remuneration with no Cost Of Service Inquiry results due out anytime soon. Category M will need to be looked at as patents come to an end for big brand drugs - the PSNC are looking at its viability.

A new national advanced service came into being – New Medicines Service-and MURs are now targeting those patients who will really benefit from a pharmacist's clinical input.

We hope that there will be some consistency in remuneration in the future and that pharmacy gets paid for the valuable public service it provides – helping to improve the health of our population.

We wish you all a prosperous new financial year and welcome any feedback from you on the work your LPC is doing now and for the future

Karen Rice

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 2012-13 were: -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Graeme Kilcross (Independent Contractor)	4	6	67%
Anne Dunphy (Company Chemists Ass)	5	6	83%
Keith Williams (Independent Contractor)	6	6	100%
Robert Heaton (Company Chemists Ass)	5	6	83%
Chiman Patel (Sykes Chemists)	4	6	67%
Mohammed Patel (Independent Contractor)	6	6	100%
Sunil Patel (Hunt & Marsden)	1 Resigned	6	
Deborah Peacock (Independent Contractor)	2 Resigned	6	
Karen Rice (AIM)	6	6	100%
Colin Robertson (Company Chemists Ass)	4	6	67%
Joanne Myatt (Company Chemists Ass)	5	6	83%
Utam Patel (Independent Contractor)	6	6	100%
Ismail Tailor (Independent Contractor)	6	6	100%

Officers

Chairman Karen Rice

Vice-Chairman Joanne Myatt

Treasurer Keith Williams

Secretary Louise Gatley

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

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 during the year

3. Primary Care Trust

The Pharmacy Development Group 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

Healthy Living Pharmacy Project Board

NHS Bolton Flu Group

Ongoing discussions with CCG representatives, Public Health, LINK 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.

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 worked alongside NHS Bolton to ensure a framework was in place that was accurate and fair.

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.

b. Enhanced Services

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 late 2013.

Services to Substance Misusers

The Observed Consumption and Needle & Syringe Exchange scheme continues to provide a service to clients of the Substance Misuse Service. The new service providers are grateful for the support given by contractors during the difficult change-over period.

Emergency Hormonal Contraception with Chlamydia Screening and Treatment

These services have continued through the year.

Minor Ailments

The Service has continued throughout the year in the Deane, Derby, Daubhill and Great Lever areas.

MAR

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

Flu

The year saw a much bigger flu service commissioned with 20 contractors across Bolton delivering approximately 500 vaccines to eligible patients. The LPC will be working closely with Public Health England and the CCG to develop this service further.

5. Other Matters

HLP

The Healthy Living Pharmacy Scheme in Bolton continues to develop with over 20 pharmacies working towards their award. The LPC are hopeful that Wave 2 will begin later in the year.

Greater Manchester Inhaler Project

Many Pharmacists from Bolton took advantage of the Inhaler Technique Training last autumn and have been actively participating in the project since.

Website

The LPC website has a new look website which can be found at www.psn.org.uk/bolton-lpc/our-news/bolton-lpc-annual-meeting/

Meetings

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