

**WEST SUSSEX LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL
COMMITTEE**

ANNUAL REPORT

1st APRIL 2015 – 31st MARCH 2016

David Clark
Chairman

Martin Mandelbaum
Chief Executive

April 2016

Introduction from the Chairman

Please find enclosed your copy of the 2015/2016 West Sussex LPC Annual Report. I hope you will take a few minutes to read the report describing the achievements of the Committee.

Your Chief Executive Officer, Martin Mandelbaum, has worked tirelessly on your behalf as always, and I would like to thank him for all the effort he has put in on behalf of all of us. I would also like to thank those Committee members and individual Pharmacists who have sat on local Committees, working groups etc, for the time and effort they put into preparing for and attending those meetings. We are now reaping the benefits of the relationships developed through those meetings.

The closer working relationship between ourselves and our neighbouring LPCs has been progressing very well, with much progress being made over the last year. We have now agreed an overarching structure to operate and manage the three individual LPCs, to come into effect upon the retirement of Martin from West Sussex and Surrey LPCs, and of Vanessa Taylor from East Sussex LPC in April 2018. We will be keeping you posted as work progresses.

Martin, together with colleagues in Surrey and East Sussex organised another very successful briefing day for Committee members across the three counties, and a number of very well attended contractor events. The LPC also supported events provided by other organisations, such as the recent Health Champion training – I would recommend all contractors to take advantage of these events wherever possible. There were also roadshow events providing additional support for the continued rollout of EPSr2, and more recently the SCR. All of these events received excellent feedback from those attending and I would like to add my thanks to all involved in their organisation.

I must also mention the “infamous” letter of 17th December from the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer et al. I do not need to tell you that this represents probably the greatest threat the sector has ever seen. Individual contractors, other pharmacy organisations and the LPC have all worked tirelessly to gain public support and influence the Department of Health’s plans. If anything good can come out of this, I believe it is the way in which all parts of our sector have pulled together in a way that I have never seen before. It is my belief that the only way we can prosper, and achieve the patient outcomes needed, is by working together, putting aside any differences we may have, focussing on the common good and giving our representative bodies, national as well as local, our full support in their difficult task.

As always, I would encourage all contractors to get involved in some way with the LPC, either directly or through contact with their local “buddy” members. It just remains for me to thank all our LPC members for the time and effort that they put into their Committee work, both in terms of attending meetings and also for the additional time spent outside of those meetings.

David Clark

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee met 7 times during the year. (meetings & events)

Member		Membership Type	LPC Meeting
David Clark	Rudgwick	Contractor	5 out of 7
Karuna Askoolum	Boots	CCA join 01/02/16	1 out of 1
Sanam Sanwar	Boots	CCA	6 out of 7
Yola Barnard	Superdrug	CCA	7 out of 7
Mark Donaghy	Waremass	AIMP	6 out of 7
Katharine Cox	Boots	CCA	6 out of 7
C J Patel	Crawley	Contractor	5 out of 7
Julia Powell	Paydens	AIMp	6 out of 7
Nisheet Patel	Lancing	Contractor	5 out of 7
Alan Salter	Day Lewis	AIMP	7 out of 7
Gemma Staniforth	Lloyds	CCA	7 out of 7
Sam Ingram	Boots	CCA	4 out of 7
Kate Mathews	Asda	CCA left 01/12/15	5 out of 6
Alex Lloyd	Rowlands	CCA	6 out of 7
Martin Mandelbaum		Chief Executive Officer	7 out of 7
Gillian Mandelbaum		Minute Sec & Admin	6 out of 6
Guests	Invited to Open Part of the meetings		
Jay Voralia	Head of Med Man, Crawley & Mid Sussex/Horsham CCGs		
Ian Dunster	CRI, West Sussex manager		
Andrew Kilkerr	CRI, Operations manager		
Tim Dowdall	Deputy Head of Medicines Management, WS Coastal CCGs		
Ian Hunter	PSNC representative for South East Coast		
Alan Robinson	Pharmacist member, Chanctonbury CCG Prescribing group		
Claire Johnson	Pharmacist member, Bognor CCG Prescribing group		
Will Lloyd	Pharmacist member, Chichester CCG Prescribing group		
Hiran Patel	Pharmacist member, Adur CCG Prescribing group		
Atif Shamim	Project Manager KSS HEE for pharmacy		
Mark Greening	WSSC Carers lead		
Jennie Musgrove	WS Carer Assoc Chair		
Sue Carter	Head of Med Man, Coastal West Sussex CCGs		

CONSTITUTION OF LPC

The new LPC Committee is in its second year of four and has a makeup of 3 contractor members (elected by ballot), 7 CCA members (appointed by the Company Chemist Association) and 3 AIMp members (appointed by the Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies).

Mr David Clark was appointed as Chairman for the year with Mr Mark Donaghy as the Vice Chairman. Mr Alan Salter was appointed as Treasurer, Mr Adrian Blogg was appointed as Webmaster with Mr Martin Mandelbaum as Chief Executive.

The LPC held all its meetings at The Old Tollgate Hotel, Bramber, West Sussex.

LPC REPRESENTATION & SUB-COMMITTEES

Appointments were made as follows:-

(a) **Market Entry Sub-Committee**

Mr. D. Clark	Mrs. G. Staniforth
Mr. C.J. Patel	Mr. H. Patel
Ms. J. Powell	Mr A. Salter
Mr. M Donaghy	Ms K Mathews

(b) **Market Entry Committee Representative**

Mr. M. Mandelbaum with Mr M. Donaghy as deputy.

(c) **SEC Forum Meetings of LPCs with Regional Officers**

Mr. M. Mandelbaum and Mr. D. Clark with Mr. M. Donaghy as deputy.

(d) **LPC/NHS England SSE Liaison meetings**

Mr. M. Mandelbaum, Mr. D. Clark and Mr. M. Donaghy.

Chief Executives Report

Dear West Sussex Contractors

This has been an enterprising year for contractors in West Sussex with few changes affecting pharmacy this year. Despite the financial pressure on Public Health there has been significant progress for pharmacy in West Sussex with opportunities for contractors to participate in local services.

The committee has had only one change in the year, with Kate Mathews (CCA) leaving the committee and Karuna Askoolum (CCA) joining us. Our thanks go to Kate who was always willing to represent the LPC and our contractors whenever the opportunity arose. All of the members continue to contribute to both the meetings and the work going on outside of the meetings with other organizations. The LPC meetings have invited a number of prominent guests that have helped us to deal better with our objectives to improve our functions and performance and to work even harder on behalf of you, our contractors.

We continue to have regular contact with Ian Hunter, who is the PSNC regional representative for the South East coast area and we have played a full part in the South East LPC Forum that meets regularly.

We now have 78 pharmacies commissioned to do NHS Health Checks although only about 70% of those are delivering them but the number being delivered in Pharmacy is increasing each year. A more targeted approach to the public will be adopted in the next year to try to find those patients who need to be seen by their GP and have slipped through the net.

The LPC has worked long and hard to ensure that pharmacy has a part to play in delivering the important public health objective and is a real opportunity to establish a reputation for delivery. We need to continue to deliver the outcomes to ensure we retain what we currently have and are considered for future services. We have managed to protect valuable services for the population of West Sussex and we must ensure we deliver these services and importantly claim payment and share outcomes with the commissioners.

Changes in the existing public health services will hopefully be kept to a minimum and we hope to have PharmOutcome being used by WSCC later this year to record the data and improve the claiming/payment regime. New PH contracts should be issued soon which should be similar to the existing ones.

As in previous years we have been continuing to develop our communications through our website, newsletters, e-mails and most importantly through our contractor buddy groups. Each LPC member has a buddy group assigned to them and all pharmacy contractors in West Sussex should be getting regular contact both before and after meetings to allow us to champion your issues. If you are not getting this then please contact Martin directly and we will get it sorted. Please use this opportunity to share your views and get the support you require.

We continue to have a community pharmacist on each of the six local prescribing groups and one LPC member on the Area Medicines Management committee for the Coastal West Sussex area, and will have pharmacist Board members on both Crawley CCG and Mid Sussex/Horsham CCG Medicines Management committees.

We continue to liaise regularly with the LMC and wherever possible we work in a spirit of cooperation. There was challenging times in late 2015 as Community Pharmacy became able to carry out NHS Flu vaccinations which did result in some conflict between GPs and Pharmacies. The LPC worked with the LMC to try to resolve any issues and ensure that any disputes did not affect patients or disadvantage any contractor.

The LPC continues to review all contract applications concerning pharmacy services and responds on your behalf, using the new Market Entry Regulations and the existing Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) that was published in April 2015.

The EPS Release 2 roll out in West Sussex is nearly complete and over 90% of GP surgeries will be using EPS by the end on 2016. Phase 4 of EPS is now being planned and will take place in 2017. The LPC has been involved in supporting the EPS "Masterclass" events held in March/April 2016 and the SCR events to be held in May 2016. The LPC continues to be a key member of the West Sussex CCGs EPS Steering group.

Services we are currently commissioned to supply include:

- Needle Exchange
- Methadone and Buprenorphine supervision
- Stop Smoking
- Emergency Hormone Contraception
- Chlamydia testing
- Palliative Care
- Out of Hours Rota (Christmas day and Easter Sunday only)
- Flu Pandemic Anti-viral collection service (if required)
- MAR chart supply
- NHS Health checks
- NHS Flu Vaccination National service
- H. Pylori testing (in Crawley locality only)

As ever we are always looking for more people to get involved so please feel free to contact me at any time. We are always interested in your feedback and views and you are welcome to come to the meetings or just share your views.

Any changes to your email address should be sent to the LPC CEO so that our records are kept up to date and you do not miss out on any important communication.

We can all look forward to another eventful year in the NHS and for pharmacy in West Sussex.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the LPC members for their commitment to our local contractors and for the support they have given both me and the Chair during the year.

Martin Mandelbaum
Chief Executive Officer West Sussex LPC

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

During the year there was no change to the pharmaceutical list with the total at 31/03/15 remaining 165 in total. A number of relocations were approved during the year and there are more applications for pharmacies to gain permission to open that as yet have not reached a conclusion.

The number of pharmacies on the list participating in needle exchange services is 58, whilst the new Palliative Care service includes 27 pharmacies across the county.

Over 81% of our contractors are doing MURs on a regular basis with many reaching their maximum number of 400 with the average number of MURs done in those pharmacies participating being 3272. In the year 80% of pharmacies have been participating in NMS with about 50% of the available target number being completed.

METHADONE SUPPLY AND NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Methadone and other substances scheme was operated during the year in a number of pharmacies. No major problems have been experienced.

The Needle Exchange service is continuing to be offered by a number of pharmacies around West Sussex. These services are going to be part of a new contract managed by CRI and Lloyds Pharmacy although contractors should see no real changes to the services.

The LPC would like to offer our thanks to Vicky Fenwick who for many years looked after these services for the PCT and WSCC and was a big supporter of Community Pharmacy. Vicky has moved on to Brighton council working on Sexual Health services.

LPC & NHS ENGLAND SSE PHARMACY MEETINGS

The LPC Officers meet with the NHS England SSE Team (jointly with the Other Surrey, Kent & Sussex LPC Officers) on a regular two monthly meeting to discuss the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework and other related matters.

The LPC has been involved in the Local Professional Network being set up in Surrey & Sussex. We will have a place on their Steering group which has seen some progress in the last year.

WEST SUSSEX LPC Meetings arrangements for 2016/17

The LPC has set their meeting dates for 2016. All meetings take place at Old Tollgate Hotel, Bramber. The Closed part of the meeting commences at 9.30am and finishes at 12.30pm. The open part of the meeting to which all pharmacy contractors are welcome to attend as observers commences at 1.30pm and finishes by 4.00pm

The new LPC committee took office from 1st April 2014 and represents the contractors for a period of 4 years from that date.

Meeting dates for 2016 are:-

Wednesday 14th September, Wednesday 9th November

And finally

Please remember:

- To regularly visit your LPC's website at www.psnc.org.uk (go to LPC portal for West Sussex LPC)
- To contact the LPC to share good practice
- To contact me, the chair or any member of the committee to confidentially discuss any issue. We are here to represent you with our services and advice.

WEST SUSSEX LPC AUDITED ACCOUNTS for 2015/16

Income and Expenditure Accounts

	31.03.2016	31.3.2015
	£	£
Receipts		
Bank Interest Received	425	323
Other income	1078	1166
TOTAL	1,503	1,489
Prescription Pricing Authority Levy	120,000	120,000
Expenditure		
Secretarial Fees	37,927	37,462
Officers Honorarium	4,000	4,000
PSNC Levy	44,950	43,485
PSNC & Contractor Events	1711	629
Committee Expenses	3,112	3,583
Hire of Rooms	3,707	3,477
Locums fees and Meeting Expenses	20,630	17,680
Printing, Postage and Stationery	257	284
Sundry Expenses	18	106
Website costs	1,000	1,000
Inland Revenue	0	0
Accountancy and Professional Fees	738	854
Bank Charges	25	50
Insurance	301	325
Subscriptions	0	243
TOTAL	118,376	113,178
Surplus / (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	1,624	6,822
Bank and Cash Balance	54,269	51,142

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