

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE  
HELD AT  
HOLIDAY INN  
GLOUCESTER  
ON  
9 May 2013**

**PRESENT**

C Gifkins, D Evans, M Powis, A Calleja-Tolosa, G Barber, T Banning, P Harris, Mrs S Williams, Mrs V Chelu-Walmsley and Miss R Myers, P Badham. A Bashir, A Lane. W Ryan.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

L Yeates (Chief Officer) Mrs E Beech (Professional Development Officer).

**26.13. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Wayne Ryan back to the committee in place of S Ghafar.

**27.13. PRESENTATION**

Natalie Pengelly Account Executive for Chiese Ltd provided a short presentation on a new medication.

**28.13. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Holiday Inn Gloucester on the 14 March 2013 having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**29.13. MINUTES FOR THE WEBSITE.**

Members approved that the minutes as presented should be posted to the LPC Website.

**30.13. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE WEBSITE.**

It was reported that the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group made reference to prescription charges but showed the old value. It also failed to provide any information of pharmacy services.

**31.13. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Members confirmed their declaration of interest.

### **32.13. MEMBERS WORKSHOP.**

Members accepted the Chairman's suggestion that since Dr Buckley Clinical Lead for Medicines Management had been invited to join members in the afternoon the Committee should spend time looking at the principle issues for the CCG and consider where pharmacy might support the CCG QIPP agenda.

Mr Gifkins advised of CCG Saving Target and priorities for Medicine Management which included. Venlafaxine MR to standard release. Reduction in use of High Dose Steroids, Cost of Pain Relief.

He suggested that alternative to specials provide an opportunity to revamp Not Dispensed Scheme and MUR Template for High Dose Steroids.

**SPECIALS** - members agreed that there was a need to be proactive with high cost pharmacies. It was agreed to request details of outliers and then make contact and re-enforce role of notifying prescriber and managing the specials supply. Members agreed that there was potential to add to NDS if licensed meds can be supplied – Create special Intervention Programme £25.00 per intervention.

It was further agreed that an article appear in the next Newsletter reminding contractors of their obligations.

The CCG would also be looking at the Prescribing of Broad Spectrum Antibiotics, which also provided an opportunity for NMS – MUR.  
CCG priorities also to look at COPD, Weight Management and Care Homes.

The CCG had also indentified a need to review progress on Care Homes Management which provided a potential for Care Homes Scheme.

There was also a need to promote pharmacy for Access to Hard to Reach patients and review potential for use of Champix

#### **CCG IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES**

##### **Specials**

##### **CDiff**

##### **NHS 111 – USC - Minor Ailments**

- **Care Pathways**
- **Hosp Discharge**
- **URMS**
- **Choose Well**

##### **Care Homes Project**

##### **Health Inequalities**

##### **PharmOutcomes**

Breaking into group's members considered each of the identified priorities and where pharmacy could play a role

## **SPECIALS**

Pharmacy to flag to GPs and Identify Licensed Alternatives. Such an initiative could be included in the Not Dispensed Scheme with a fee of £25.00. The change from a special could be followed up with an NMS at £28.00

Members were of the view that the LPC to provide advice and support to contractors and develop list of licensed alternatives.

## **UNSCHEDULED CARE.**

URMS d been implemented in a limited number of pharmacies but needs to be rolled out across County. It was reported that OOH providers were unsure who to send patients to for URMS

It was noted that the Minor Ailments Scheme approved by USC Group had not been implementation. Members agreed that the Chief Officer write to the Area Team and the Clinical Commissioning Group suggesting that the full rollout of both schemes would support A & E and GP services at times of high demand.

## **CARE HOMES –**

Members noted that a Care Home project was being developed to reduce inappropriate Admissions to Hospital and reduce waste medicines in Care Homes. It was agreed that pharmacy was in a position to influence usage and returns of medicines by Homes. However there was agreement that it was the responsibility of Care Homes to order direct from GP.

It was agreed that the Committee seek engagement within Care Homes Project lead by Rob Hodges, and that the project also provided an opportunity to develop a Pharmacy service which looks at potential for falls from medication. URTIs Nutrition Anti-psychotics, Safeguarding and protecting the patient in accordance with Francis Report recommendations.

## **PHARMOUTCOMES**

Members were agreed that the LPC should consider the purchase of the Pharmoutcome Licence and manage the platform on behalf of Commissioners, recharging commissioners for the licence used and the management time so that there was no overall cost to the Committee.

By managing PharmOutomes the Committee would be able to provide evidence of service delivery and share data and costs with a range of Commissioners.

## **33.13. TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Mr Powis reported that the final accounts were being prepared for accountant and that based on current planned Committee activity for 2013-14 he recommended that the current levy would meet current budget expectations.

### **34.13. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

Mr Gifkins referred to his report to the Committee which outlined his discussions with Dr Buckley and Mrs Middleton at the CCG and gave some context to Dr Buckley's invitation to attend the meeting.

### **35.13. EXECUTIVE GROUP.**

Mr Gifkins referred to the report of the executive group meeting on the 1 May 2013 which detailed the discussions at that meeting.

### **36.13. CHIEF OFFICERS REPORT.**

Mr Yeates drew member's attention to the PSNC Meetings available and to correspondence that had been received. Members noted the activity reports for NMS and MUR. which continued to show increased and positive engagement. He advised that the information from PharmacyVoice and PSNC relating to stakeholder and contractor engagement were to support discussions within the Sub Groups.

### **37.13. DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT.**

Mrs Beech highlighted the issues with cancellation of the HLP launch and reported that work to support the programme was ongoing. Members agreed that accreditation of first pharmacies should be a priority. Mrs Beech outlined the mechanisms and requirements and reported that the target was to complete implementation of all pharmacies by September.

Members expressed the opinion that a mechanism should be found to increase the pace of accreditation and develop the second wave of pharmacies as soon as possible.

Mrs Beech reported that EPS 2 rollout in Cirencester had stalled but the rollout in Painswick was planned for next week.

### **38.13. PSNC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT.**

Mr Lane provided members with an update of the work of the PSNC and advised that he would arrange with the Chief Officer for a PSNC report to be circulated.

### **39.13. SOUTH WEST LPC MEETING.**

Members noted the report of the meeting of the Southwest LPC group.

### **40.13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Performance Committees** Mr Yeates outlined the need to appoint members to provide professional advice to the Area Team to support the Performance Concerns Screening Group and the Poor performance Group. The groups would meet monthly either in Gloucester or Chippenham Area Offices and it had been agreed to share attendance across the three LPCs.

It was agreed that Mr Evans attend the Performance Concerns Screening Group and Mr Gifkins would attend the Poor Performance Group

**B. Newsletter content** – Mr Yeates requested all articles for the next newsletter be forwarded to him by 23 May 2013.

**C. PharmOutcomes** – It was agreed that Mr Yeates prepare a business case for LPC management of the IT Platform including ongoing costs.

#### **41.13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Members noted that meetings had been planned for 11 July 2013.12 September 2013.  
14 November 2013