

Minutes of Essex LPC Annual General Meeting
held on
Wednesday 18th September 2019
At Best Western Ivy & Furze Hill Hotel, Margareting

LPC Committee Members
Present

Bina Patel (BP) (Chair)
Rajiv Sharma (RS)

Penny Skellern (PS)

In Attendance:

Essex Contractors

Ashok Pattani (APat)
Angela Culleton

Chair's Introduction

BP thanked all the Contractors present at the AGM for attending.

BP is striving for community pharmacist to unite and work cohesively; she acknowledged the pressure everyone is currently under and how essential it is to support each other at such a busy time.

Minutes from the AGM held on Wednesday 19th September 2018 were formally accepted by Rajiv Sharma and seconded by Abimbola Faseun

Essex LPC Annual Report

APat firstly apologised for not have the accounts being included in the annual report, due to unforeseen issues. He confirmed the audited accounts will be available on the Essex LPC website in October 2019

Proposed by Rajiv Sharma and seconded by Prinal Ruparel

Essex LPC Annual Report 2018/19 was therefore formally approved and adopted by those present.

Essex LPC Financial Report

APat verbally explained the 2018/19 financial position for Essex LPC.

Couple of points mentioned, included sponsorship has been declining over the last couple of years. Essex LPC Office had IT system updated at the beginning of the year.

The reserve is lower than PSNC recommendation safety level. The levy for Essex, at 11.5p is the lowest within East Anglia

No questions were raised, APat asked for a proposal from the floor to adopt the unaudited LPC accounts.

Proposed by Rajat Patel and seconded by Mark Howell

Any Other Business

A contractor expressed his appreciation and the support Essex LPC offer, but he has concerns over the new contract, the funding is extremely tight. APat acknowledged his comments and agreed that disappointingly there will not be financial assistance, however, having a 5-year settlement means that no more cuts will occur during this time. BP explained that all Committee Members have been allocated PCN areas and will be supporting those pharmacies over the coming months.

Another Contractor asked about the services and pilots that are taking place, and when payments would be received, it was suggested that she asked Gordon Hockey at the Conference.

Concern was expressed over pharmacy closures, and whether Essex LPC could complete an exercise to determine vulnerable ones by looking at services and whether the cost is viable.

A general feeling was felt that PSNC appear to hold back on details and then expect unrealistic timescales to be achieved, by circulating information very late or close to implementation dates.