

LPC Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting Tuesday 4th November 2020

Present: Bina Patel Jon Lake Sanjay Patel Simon Moul
 James Chaplin Chirag Patel Rajiv Sharma

In attendance: Karen Samuel Smith Ashok Pattani Angela Culleton Hema Patel
 Frank McLaughlan Tony Mardle

Apologies: Sarah Read Penny Skellern

Not present: Tunde Sokoya

Pharmacy Representation Review

Prior to the LPC Meeting taking place, members attended the PSNC webinar, “Pharmacy Representation Review: Taking the process forward”. Simon Dukes (PSNC’s Chief Executive) explained the next stages which includes writing the Terms of Reference for the new Review Steering Group.

The group is due to comprise of

- Four CCA members
- Two AIMp members
- Four independent members

LPC members agreed that Karen would put forward an Essex response to include diversity and age groups. Concerns were expressed about money, timescale, conflict of interest but were keen to see early wins.

Primary Care Network

Positive comments were received from those members that attended the PCN Leads training session hosted by Liam Stapleton. The sessions were very informative and raised practical thought-provoking ideas.

Tony recapped on the business continuity plans, it has forced pharmacy teams to talk about them and to think about “what ifs”. For example, where pharmacies have had to close, whether partially or longer term, valuable to reflect on “what would you have been done differently?”. Useful to also share BSP with other interested parties, could share common interests i.e. during pandemic stagger close door working times, so that members of the community can access pharmacy services throughout the whole day.

Frank has since spoken to several PCN leads who have said they would like more meetings, but not stated on what specifically.

Essex currently have a few PCN lead vacancies, CCA and AIMS have a process whereby they may be able to facilitate and appoint members to the vacancies. Members agreed that this would be the way forward to fill the gaps.

Pharmacy Quality Scheme

Due to the conflict with the Covid-19 pandemic the deadline for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme **MAY** be extended, NOT suspended. Awaiting more guidance from PSNC.

GP CPCS

Mo Raje will be joining the Essex LPC team as the Implementation Officer to assist with rolling out GP CPCS within Essex, in line of the regional plan. Initially he will be encouraging keen practices within each primary care network to develop and actively refer patients to pharmacies.

Flu Vaccination Service

Official details have now been announced by the Department of Health and Social Care (2nd November). However, vaccines are still not yet available.

Covid-19 vaccine

The covid-19 vaccine can be administered 7 days after a flu vaccination and needs to be kept at -70 degrees and used within a few hours out of the freezer.

Simon Williams at Southend CCG/ Castle point and Rochford CCG has invited LPC to Task and Finish group.

PPE Portal

It appears that only half of the pharmacies within Essex have signed up to the free PPE portal. A large number of multiples have yet to sign up. Members and office staff were encouraged to mention the portal when speaking to Contractors to increase registration.

Contract Change

The Office has recently received an inclusion application for a distance selling pharmacy. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Members Feedback

Members asked about the flu vaccine targets, Mid and South Essex produce very detailed data at PCN level, unfortunately this is not yet available for other areas.

Mo's work schedule will be circulated to committee members.

Next Meeting

Thursday 3rd December 2020.