

SOMERSET LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the EXEC Meeting of the Somerset Local Pharmaceutical Committee held via ZOOM
Wednesday 8th December

Members present (Chair) James Nicholas, Peter Whitaker, Kyle Hepburn.

In Attendance: Michael Lennox (Chief Officer), Yvonne Lamb (Engagement Officer) Mary Pennington (Admin officer)

Apologies: Sally Farmer (Vice Chair) Shital Patel (Treasurer)

Meeting Notes and Next Steps – documented by Yvonne Lamb

1. Welcome and Agenda from James N (Chair)

2. Declarations of Interest – None Recorded

3. Governance, Budget & Financial Matters.

Minutes from full LPC November meeting reviewed by Exec Committee.

Minutes from October Executive Committee has been approved and accurate

James gave the Exec an update around committee members and current vacancies on committee and roles and responsibilities vacancy.

James and Mary gave a verbal update to Exec committee regarding Budget.

Full committee to review proposed 22/23 budget in January. Need to consider impact of GPCPS project for next calendar and budget year, as near end of previous funds

NHSE has been given a grant of £70k and if pro-rata shared between Southwest LPCS for GPCPS work program which equates to £7K for Somerset.

Committee members:

Vacancy for 2 x CCA reps with recent change in Lloyds and Well members. Vacancy for AIM rep.

If the vacancies have not been filled by January, then James/Michael to escalate and approach AIM & CCA for replacements.

RSG:

The Exec discussed the update around RSG group: Not much to report at this time with further outcomes expected in Q1 2022.

ICS: The LPC had a positive response from the ICS Chief Officer and Chair and a meeting has been organised for 15th December. Michael and James to update committee in January.

Workforce:

Michael is leading the Somerset System Pharmacy Workforce Forum, i.e., the cross-sector stakeholder group delivering on the plans to correct the pharmacy workforce shortfall in Somerset.

James and Michael to update committee around workforce progress in January at full meeting.

GPCPCS

Month vs Month Growth on GPCPS activity.

2 PCNS still to be trained West Somerset and Bridgwater are pencilled in for training after Christmas.

NHSE still to confirm the outcome on bid for “Winter pressures GPCPCS Pharmacy fund”

How can we encourage better community pharmacy outcomes for GPCPCS referrals?

The winter pressures project should provide new stimulus for both practices and pharmacies to drive uplift in quantity with matching quality improvement. The newly commissioned GPCPCS Process

Mapping should discover some new ways of influencing practices and pharmacies to optimise the service.

PharmAlarm:

The LPC has worked with Pinnacle and contractors to determine who wishes to use PharmAlarms to add to their operationalisation of GPCPCS. The alarms will be sent to the relevant Pharmacies first couple of weeks in January. Mary to chase Pinnacle regarding amount needed and invoicing. Those contractors with Alarms already in place will be funded by the LPC use of digital funds too.

4. Services update – Yvonne

Flu: EMIS/Inform data is missing from GPS, so the real percentage of Flu data and PQS criteria is not accurate. Community pharmacies have already done 55,000 vaccinations in Somerset which is doubled last year's total.

GPCPCS: We are seeing month vs month growth on activity. November was 1183 referrals to community pharmacies.

MAS: Still work to be done with getting everybody reading and signing the PGDS and making best use of them to care for both GPCPCS and walk-in patients.

5. Digital: Michael

LPCs nationally have been supported by PSNC for guidance and support in Digital Local Healthcare Record integration.

SIDER: Testing of the SIDER platform is underway to those interested colleagues
Outline plan to launch SIDER after Christmas and may need some support.

ERD: The first launch of ERD Rapid rollout has started in Taunton Central and North Sedgemoor, with good attendance from all pharmacies and practices.

As we approach Christmas and renewed Covid pressures, the ERD conversion rate may be slow, but there is obvious commitment from the participating practices to build on early traction.

2022/2023 Funding:

We need to reflect and review the plans for a digital bid at January Meeting.

Website: PSNC have flagged some difficulties with the new MAKE website format, so there may be a delay in ours being revised and relaunched as per original timescales, estimate March for being live.

Date and Place of Future Meetings:

Full Committee Meetings:2022

Wednesday 19th January

Wednesday 23rd March

Exec Meetings

Tuesday 15th February.

Wednesday 27th April.

Next Steps.

1. Michael to connect with CCA & AIM in January if there are no replacements on committee.
2. ERD: After Christmas pressures DAMN and LPC to approach Pharmacies to agree a method for signposting suitable patients for ERD Repeat Prescribing.
3. Mary and Shital to send Financial Accounts out and a draft 22/23 Budget to all ahead of next meeting.
4. Digital Funding – Agenda item in January.