

## PSNC Minutes

For the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014

At Oulton Hall, Rothwell Lane, Leeds, LS26 8HN

**Present:** Stephen Banks, David Broome, Christine Burbage, Mark Burdon, Liz Colling, Mark Collins, Ian Cubbin, David Evans, Samantha Fisher, Mark Griffiths, Ian Hunter, Clive Jolliffe, Tricia Kennerley, Clare Kerr, Andrew Lane, Margaret MacRury, Rajesh Morjaria, Garry Myers, Bharat Patel, Indrajit Patel, Rajesh Patel, Umesh Patel, Prakash Patel, Janice Perkins, Adrian Price, Anil Sharma, Gary Warner

**In the Chair:** Sir Peter Dixon

**In Attendance:** Alastair Buxton, Harpreet Chana, Shiné Daley, Mike Dent, Mike King, Steve Lutener, Komal George, Sue Sharpe

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Peter Cattee, John Evans, Kirit Patel and Chris Perrington.

The Chairman welcomed Ian Hunter, Prakash Patel and Anil Sharma to the Committee.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March were approved.

### 3. Update on the Health and Care Landscape

The information in the agenda was noted and Alastair Buxton highlighted a number of key points, including press coverage around the Better Care Fund, the DH document *Transforming Primary Care*, the winners of the PM's Challenge Fund and NHS England's proposals on co-commissioning primary care services.

### 4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed new Committee members. He referred back to Alastair Buxton's Health and Care Landscape report and reported that he is involved with a pilot scheme in North West London which is part of the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund.

The Chairman reported on the meeting he and Sue Sharpe had with Duncan Rudkin, Chief Executive and Nigel Clarke, Chair of GPhC. There was discussion of the implications for pharmacy services of the RCP Asthma report published that day; it is clear from the summary that the failings of prescribing and use of medication are not attributed to pharmacists, but there are clear opportunities to develop support.

The Chairman has written a letter to Murray Duncanson, Chairman of CCA, at his request, to explain how HIE operates. The Chairman believes that the best way to manage the relationship with HIE and be more transparent is to have a Chairman independent from RD&F. He also met with Paul Bennett, Chairman of Pharmacy Voice and they agreed to have a routine exchange between PV and PSNC to ensure there is a co-ordinated approach to workplans.

The Chairman directed the Committee to the Code of Conduct and associated guidance papers and asked that this be looked at carefully by everyone and that confidentiality is borne in mind. Although each member is elected or nominated by a constituency, their role is to serve community pharmacy as a whole and to act in the best interests of community pharmacy.

## Chief Executive Report

The Chief Executive welcomed the new Committee members and the returning Committee members. The CEO also expressed gratitude to the members that had left the committee - Alan Robinson, Elisabeth Hopkins and Dhiren Bhatt. She made particular mention of Dhiren Bhatt for his long years of service to PSNC including the Negotiating Team and as Vice Chairman.

An update on negotiations was provided.

Simon Stevens has indicated in his first few weeks in post that he intends to expand the role of CCGs. He gave evidence to the Health Select Committee at the end of April. Key points he made:

*A lot has got to change in NHS – need a series of focussed conversations – not NHS England in isolation, but with others. Requirement for system leadership; system designed to give patients more clout – strong role in and of CCGs. Idea that front line Drs + nurses + patients have more clout is a good thing, as is getting a gap between DH and the NHS.*

*CCGs – GPs more enthusiastic than for PCTs. Not completely right yet – they will need more responsibilities – changes in specialist commissioning [looking towards secondary care].*

*In addressing financial pressures he noted (responding to a question) that 70% admissions are for 30% people with highest needs? 800,000 people to get personal care plans.*

Since the March meeting we have submitted our response to the Call to Action, which reflects an immense amount of work by Alastair and it is an excellent expansion of our Vision. In his comments Alastair noted the *Transforming Primary Care* paper. This restates general ambitions to develop pharmacy services: what is noteworthy is that it is jointly published by DH and NHS England, so associating the latter with the policies.

A new development in recent months has been publishing of a figure - £73 per annum – as the payment GPs receive per registered patient per annum. However misleading comparisons between this and service-related payments for pharmacy services will be, we can expect this currency to be used extensively within GP lobbying.

Last week the RCP published a study on asthma deaths. This included many recommendations for pharmacist input to support better care for asthma patients. Respiratory has long been recognised as an area where pharmacy services can deliver impressive outcomes. We are preparing a response to the authors, which should be completed soon. The triumph of the CPF COPD project in the Wirral at the BMJ awards last week was brilliant, and a timely focus on an area of real strength and potential.

Absolute disaster struck in late March when the PSNC website went down and Jellyhaus and the web host seemed incapable of restoring it. Eventually we took the decision to move to an alternative host offering a more resilient service with a state-of-the art diagnostic and recovery facility.

Barbara Parsons retires at the end of June and is currently absent on sick leave but will join the July PSNC meeting for dinner. This is the last meeting for several months for Harpreet Chana who begins maternity leave shortly.

## 5. Amendment to the Constitution and Rules

In collaboration with RAP there were a set of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Rules.

Steve Lutener informed the Committee that there was a flaw in Rule 1.9 which did not recognise accurately the arrangements for the member appointed for Wales. To remedy this, the proposal was made to amend the wording to:

“Every member of PSNC other than the member appointed under paragraph 6.2.3 of the Constitution, shall ...”

As the amendment of the Constitution requires a two third majority a vote was taken. All members voted in favour of the amendments to the Constitution and the Rules.

## **6. Election of PSNC officers**

The elections of officers took place with the following results:

Chairman of Funding and Contract subcommittee – Peter Cattee  
Chairman of LPC and Implementation Support subcommittee – Christine Burbage  
Chairman of Regulation and Policy subcommittee – Ian Cubbin  
Chairman of Resource Development and Finance subcommittee – Mark Burdon  
Chairman of Service Development subcommittee – Gary Warner  
Vice Chairman of PSNC – Kirit Patel

### **Election of Review and Audit Panel**

The five committee members elected to the Review and Audit Panel of PSNC were Bharat Patel, Janice Perkins, Adrian Price, Umesh Patel and Mark Collins.

### **Election of Appointments Panel**

The two committee members elected to serve on the Appointments Panel alongside the five subcommittee chairs were Tricia Kennerley and Mark Collins.

## **7. Appointment of subcommittee members**

The members of the five subcommittees were subsequently agreed as follows:

FunCon: Peter Cattee (Chairman), David Broome, Liz Colling, Sam Fisher, Tricia Kennerley, Andrew Lane, Garry Myers, Bharat Patel, Raj Patel, Adrian Price

LIS: Christine Burbage (Chairman), Mark Collins, John Evans, Raj Morjaria, Kirit Patel, Umesh Patel, Chris Perrington, Anil Sharma

RDF: Mark Burdon (Chairman), Christine Burbage, Peter Cattee, Kirit Patel, Gary Warner, Ian Cubbin

R&P: Ian Cubbin (Chairman), David Evans, Margaret MacRury, Prakash Patel, Janice Perkins

SDS: Gary Warner (Chairman), Stephen Banks, Ian Hunter, Clive Joliffe, Clare Kerr, Indrajit Patel

### **Negotiating Team**

The five committee members elected to the Negotiating Team were Peter Cattee, Liz Colling, Mark Griffiths, Tricia Kennerley, Garry Myers, Bharat Patel and Gary Warner.

## **8. 2014/2015 Negotiations**

A group discussion session was held to consider policy decisions required to support the current negotiations between PSNC and NHS Employers/Department of Health.

## **9. Working Dinner**

The Committee agreed to hold another dinner this year and to invite relevant members of the Government and opposition. The focus of the dinner would be asthma care.

## **10. Falsified Medicines Directive**

Raj Patel reported on the EU Falsified Medicines Directive paper which covered legislation, matters to be

determined under Delegated Acts and options available for scanning purposes.

The EU Commission workshop took place on 28 April where FMD issues were debated. The Delegated Act is due to appear in the first quarter of 2015 however it is possible that it could be delayed further. It was noted that they are trying to achieve flexibility on exactly when authentication needs to take place.

David Evans commented that community pharmacy should have been stronger on this earlier on. The CEO reminded the Committee that community pharmacy's representation in Europe is managed by the NPA and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and so it is not a PSNC matter as we have no influence on this. Our concern lies with the workload and resulting costs. The Committee was assured that the people delegated to do the job are reflecting views of contractors.

#### **11. Resource Development & Finance Subcommittee**

The minutes of the subcommittee meeting were presented by Mark Burdon and the recommendation to increase staffing in Services and Communications was accepted.

It was also reported that the DH had made the decision to ask the BSA to take over the margins survey from April 2014. RDF agreed that PSNC should continue with an audit function to double check the work that the BSA does. This will be a mirror process for up to 12 months and will be reviewed again after that. Mike Dent had a meeting with the BSA and came away encouraged by the commitment to undertaking the task effectively that was being shown.

Special thanks were given to Ian Cubbin on his help and determination in securing buy out of the pension scheme.

It was noted that Geoff Mackay will be assisting PSNC in Harpreet Chana's absence and Patrick Grice has been brought in to project manage the commercialisation of PRISM.

Mark Burdon reminded the Committee to ensure that they submit their expenses in a timely manner; they need to claim those for 2013/14 by the end of June 2014.

#### **12. LPC & Implementation Support Subcommittee**

The minutes of the subcommittee meeting were presented by Mark Collins and the recommendation to approach Penningtons (or similar) to create a template for the formation of a limited company was agreed.

#### **13. Funding & Contract Subcommittee**

The minutes of the subcommittee meeting were presented by Garry Myers.

#### **14. Service Development Subcommittee**

The minutes of the subcommittee meeting were presented by Gary Warner.