

PSNC Service Development Subcommittee Minutes

for the meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2015

At Mercure Windsor Castle Hotel, 18 High Street, Windsor, SL4 1LJ

Present: Stephen Banks, Ian Hunter, Clare Kerr, Indrajit Patel, Gary Warner (Chairman)

In attendance: Alastair Buxton, Rosie Taylor.

Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Clive Joliffe.

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2015 were approved.

Agenda and Subcommittee Work

1	Secure the commissioning of community pharmacy services within the scope of the current NHS England negotiating mandate	Status Likely
---	---	------------------

The information in the agenda setting out progress that has been made in implementing the changes to the CPCF agreed for 2014/15 was considered by the subcommittee. The process to develop the audit was explained and the subsequent difficulties that NHS England had experienced in achieving approval of the paperwork. This matter would be considered in the discussion session on Wednesday morning.

A verbal report was given on the discussions with NHS Employers on the service development aspects of the 2015/16 negotiations. This would be reported to the Committee as part of the discussion session on Wednesday morning. PSNC is not able to comment on negotiations until they have been completed so these details remain confidential.

2	Promote alignment of GP and community pharmacy contracts and contemporaneous negotiation	Status Likely
---	--	------------------

The information in the agenda was noted.

3	Develop models of integrated care that demonstrate the benefit of using community pharmacy services	Status Likely
---	---	------------------

The information in the agenda was noted. The subcommittee discussed the paper set out in Appendix SDS 06/03/15 which describes the options for an integrated asthma management service. It was suggested that this could be augmented by adding points on support for children with asthma, assessment of control and seasonal advice.

The options being considered for inclusion in the template asthma audits, set out in **Appendix SDS 07/03/15** were reviewed. Any priority items within the paper which could be included in an initial audit design should be sent to Alastair Buxton.

4 Ensure outcome evaluations of community pharmacy services are undertaken and collated, including robust evaluations of the costs and benefits of potential pharmacy services to the NHS	Status Likely
---	------------------

The information in the agenda was noted.

The Pinnacle Health Partnership evaluation of the PharmOutcomes data on community pharmacy flu vaccination services during the 2014/15 season was reviewed by the subcommittee. It was agreed that this should be shared with NHS Employers and key points would be shared with LPCs at the same time as PSNC announces the total number of patients vaccinated in community pharmacies at NHS expense (data is currently being collated from LPCs).

5 Use opportunities to promote community pharmacy services, within the four domains of PSNC's Vision, and the benefits of national commissioning	Status Likely
--	------------------

The information in the agenda was noted.

Rosie Taylor talked the subcommittee through the spreadsheet listing the services included in the online services database; this will be uploaded to the website shortly.

6 Address barriers to community pharmacy service expansion, including how to ensure all patients can benefit from services	Status Likely
--	------------------

The information in the agenda was noted.

A verbal report on the progress of the pilot of community pharmacy access to the SCR was provided to the subcommittee. This was progressing well with positive early results. The implication of roll out of the SCR to all pharmacies would be considered at a future meeting.

The Pinnacle Health Partnership evaluation of service provision data within PharmOutcomes to examine the split of services across the in and out of hours periods was reviewed; it was agreed this would be published for use by LPCs.

7 Work with other pharmacy bodies to promote greater commissioning of community pharmacy services	Status Likely
---	------------------

The information in the agenda was noted.

Any other business

APPG – actions for the new government's first 100 days – it was noted this document had been published and it proposed national commissioning of additional services from community pharmacies.

The second phase of the Community Pharmacy Future project had launched and a report on this would be provided to the next subcommittee meeting.

It was agreed that contractors' interest in the provision of domiciliary services should be considered at a future meeting.