

PSNC LPC Implementation and Support Subcommittee Minutes

for the meeting to be held on Tuesday 12th January 2016

At Radisson Edwardian Grafton, 130 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 5AY

commencing at 4.15pm

Members: Christine Burbage (Chair), Mark Collins, Raj Morjaria, Kirit Patel, Umesh Patel, Anil Sharma, Faisal Tuddy.

In attendance: Mike King, Zoe Smeaton, Mark Burdon

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Kirit Patel.

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held in November 2015 were approved by the subcommittee.

Agenda and Subcommittee Work

The 2015 work plan, including progress updates, was agreed by the subcommittee.

1	Support LPCs and contractors to respond to changes to community pharmacy finance, the contractual changes and models of delivery.	Status
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The report from the office was noted.

PSNC should encourage LPCs to meet with LPFs to feed in their views.

The pharmacy cuts petition raised some concern over the wording being used – “no to pharmacy cuts”. PSNC has drafted a poster pharmacy contractors could use to encourage patients to sign it, but the subcommittee have decided to hold fire until the official PSNC response to the cuts has been formulated.

2	Help LPCs to improve local stakeholder understanding of community pharmacy and promote opportunities for collaborative working to secure locally commissioned services.	Status
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The report from the office was noted.

Electronic repeat dispensing leaflet and other resources was picked up as a potentially really useful piece of work, but the thought was raised that the resources should focus more on the benefits to GPs to help get them onboard with the service.

3	Support LPCs in addressing contracting challenges: including structures, devolution and single point provision	Status
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The report from the office was noted.

The members of the board for the provider company were discussed. It was agreed that PSNC members to reflect the make-up of the committee should be chosen (i.e. one CCA and one independent) – Adrian Price and Anil Sharma have volunteered and will be recommended to the main committee for approval. The other

possible board member suggested to represent LPC members – Liz Colling. With others should Liz Colling not be available.

It was recommended that:

The three PSNC Directors of the National Provider Company should include one independent contractor and one multiple contractor who both sit on PSNC and one LPC members not on PSNC, but with Provider Company experience. The 3 Directors recommended are Anil Sharma, Adrian Price and Liz Colling.

4 Support contractor delivery of services.	Status
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The report from the office was noted.

The need to re-evaluate the PSNC regions based on changes within the NHS geographical areas was agreed. This will be raised with the full committee first during plenary.

A request was made to co-ordinate PSNC’s webinars with those being held by the NPA.

5 Support LPCs to improve their effectiveness by provision of resources, information, support, sharing good practice and training	Status
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The report from the office was noted.

The subcommittee welcomed the news that the PSNC Leadership Academy received a total of 27 applications.

The subcommittee welcomed the news that £25K sponsorship had been secured to fund professionally produced podcasts to supplement LPC training.

Concern was raised over changes to LPC levy collection process by Capita and it was agreed that they need to request responses from LPCs following their levy calculations.

Consideration should be given to proxy voting at the LPC Conference (if two representatives disagree for example), on consultation with HP&R subcommittee.

A request was made to issue the zero-based budgeting guidance in line with the normal planning cycle (as financial year).

6 Support LPC communications , helping them to give the best possible information to contractors and other stakeholders	Status
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The report from the office was noted.

It was suggested that PSNC consider moving Community Pharmacy News to an online only publication. This should be included in the upcoming contractor survey.

7. Any other Business

None.