

PSNC Service Development Subcommittee Minutes
for the meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2016
at The Athenaeum, Church Alley, Liverpool, L1 3DD

Present: Marc Donovan, Clare Kerr, Sunil Kochhar, Gary Warner (Chairman)

In attendance: Alastair Buxton, Rosie Taylor

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Hewitson and Faisal Tuddy.

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2016 were approved.

Agenda and Subcommittee Work

1	PSNC will make the case for the benefits to patients and the NHS of the services set out in the Pharmacy Five Point Forward Plan.	Status Achieved
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The information in the agenda was noted.

Community Pharmacy Forward View

Alastair Buxton provided an update on progress with publication of the Community Pharmacy Forward View (CPFV). This is currently at the designers and a first draft of the design is due any day. It is hoped it will be published in the next week or so. It will be published as a joint publication between PSNC and PV with endorsement from the RPS.

A discussion was held around the CPFV and PwC publication dates to ensure one doesn't over shadow the other. It was agreed there needs to be coordinated communications on these publications but the subcommittee felt the CPCF should be published first, as its publication can use the arrival of a new ministerial team as a 'news hook'. It should be possible to get more sustained coverage of the PwC work because of the many service areas it covers provide multiple hooks to use with the media.

PSNC Care Plan Service

External support is still being considered by the office for PSNC to develop its proposal for a care plan service. Clare Kerr advised that the results of the CPF II project were due soon; this would help inform the development of the Care Plan service.

COPD rescue packs

As NHS England didn't have capacity to take forward this work, PSNC has offered to develop materials to support commissioning of local services, including guidance on how to implement a rescue pack service and information for other healthcare professionals on what a rescue pack is and why they may be needed. Clare Kerr will send the office information from CPF I and the Scottish service to support this work.

2	PSNC will analyse the impact that a reduced pharmacy network and growth in the use of online pharmacies would have on patient care and the use of NHS resources. (Joint objective with PSNC and FunCon)	Status
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The information in the agenda was noted and the subcommittee agreed the proposed next steps. An update on the assessment of the social value of community pharmacy that PwC is undertaking for PSNC was provided in the main PSNC plenary meeting.

3 PSNC will seek the best outcome in negotiations with the Department of Health and NHS England, working to protect the interests of contractors. (Joint objective with FunCon)	Status
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The information in the agenda was noted.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service

Alastair Buxton and Rosie Taylor provided an update on progress with the paperwork for the 2016/17 flu service and advised there are no major changes to the service specification from 2015/16. They are pushing NHS England to complete the necessary amendments to the paperwork as quickly as possible.

4 Reflecting the growing importance of local relationships with commissioners, PSNC will support LPCs to secure locally commissioned services and build effective collaboration with other local health and care services. (Joint objective with LIS)	Status
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The information in the agenda was noted and the subcommittee agreed the proposed next steps.

Sunil Kochhar asked about support for contractors and LPCs to evaluate services. Mark Donovan suggested contacting the LPF. Other suggestions included local academics, university final year students for final year projects and the NPA who were thought to still have a resource available on completing evaluations.

5 PSNC will address operational issues affecting pharmacy practice, working to secure the best outcomes for contractors. (Joint objective with HPR and FunCon)	Status
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The information in the agenda was noted and the subcommittee agreed the proposed next steps.

Any other business

NHS England's independent review of clinical services

Gary Warner and Clare Kerr had provided an update on this topic in the main plenary meeting. The next meeting is planned for 19th July 2016.

HLPs

Alastair Buxton provided an update on the QA process for the new self-assessment HLP level 1. A tender process had been commenced by PHE which raised a number of concerns related to the burden the QA process could eventually impose on contractors. The issues would be raised with PHE at a forthcoming meeting.

MURs

At the earlier meeting of RDF it had been proposed that PSNC should match the NPA's funding to develop evidence for MURs. Options for data collection and analysis would be discussed with Mike Hewitson in order to agree the best way of creating new evidence for the MUR service in a timely manner.

PSNC development of a Care Plan Service

It was agreed that the subcommittee needed to meet prior to the October PSNC meeting in order to develop PSNC's thinking on the development of a Care Plan Service and what a transition process would be to implement such a service, building on the current CPCF services. It was agreed that an extra meeting of the subcommittee would be organised in August.