

Minutes of the PSNC Service Development Subcommittee meeting
held on Wednesday 6th February 2019
at 14 Hosier Lane, London, EC1A 9LQ

Present: Richard Bradley, Sunil Kochhar, Prakash Patel, Faisal Tuddy, Clare Kerr, Gary Warner (Chair)

In attendance: Sian Retallick, Alastair Buxton, Rosie Taylor, Zainab Al-Kharsan, Margaret MacRury, Adrian Price, Mike Pitt, Fin McCaul, Indrajit Patel, Jay Patel, Alice Hare, Tricia Kennerley, Mike Dent

Item 1 – Welcome from Chair

Item 2 – Apologies for absence

2.1. No apologies for absence were received.

Item 3 – Conflicts or declaration of interest

3.1. No new conflicts of interest were declared.

Item 4 – Minutes of the last meeting

4.1. The minutes of the subcommittee meeting on 9th October 2018 were agreed.

Item 5 – Actions and Matters arising

- 5.1. Following a request at the October meeting for further proposals on including mental health in the next Quality Payments Scheme, Marc Donovan provided some suggestions, which have been included in the list of potential future quality criteria ideas.
- 5.2. Alastair Buxton provided an overview of his recent discussions with NHS England on the proposed new consent requirements and wording for the consent forms for MURs and NMS. Some information governance issues had been raised and discussions are ongoing between the pharmacy and IG teams within NHS England.
- 5.3. Rosie Taylor had communicated the subcommittee's views on the Quality Payments matters to NHS England as discussed at the previous meeting. NHS England agreed that contractors would only need to include bank holiday dates for 2019 until the end of May 2019. The option of allowing contractors to go back into their declaration on MYS after they had submitted it and make alternations was not, in the end, possible for this scheme.

Item 6 – SDS priority areas for 2019

6.1. No additions or amendments were proposed to the suggested priorities for the work of the Services Team and SDS during 2019, but it was noted that priorities for negotiations may also include prevention/public health services and the development/protection of MURs.

- 6.2 The chair noted that it would be unlikely that the Services Team would be able to spend much time on priority 4 (Developing PSNC's support for local services development, commissioning and implementation) due to current capacity and resource.
- 6.3 The subcommittee considered and agreed the suggested priorities for the work of the Services Team and SDS during 2019.

Item 7 – Quality Payments – discussion on the future

- 7.1 The subcommittee considered and agreed a set of principles to inform the future development of the scheme.
- 7.2 A thorough review of the potential future quality criteria included in the agenda was undertaken with suggested changes and removal of some of the options.

Item 8 – Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service

- 8.1 The subcommittee considered whether any changes are necessary to the service for the 2019/20 season.

Item 9 – Developing a patient safety strategy for the NHS - Proposals for consultation

- 9.1 Alastair Buxton advised that he had already discussed providing a joint response with the other community pharmacy organisations, through the CCA hosted community pharmacy patient safety group.
- 9.2 The subcommittee agreed that a joint response to this consultation with other community pharmacy organisations would be appropriate, alternatively the views of the community pharmacy patient safety group should inform the development of PSNC's response.

Action 2: Continue the discussions with the community pharmacy patient safety group and the CCA around the potential for a joint or aligned response to the consultation (AB).

Item 10 – GPhC consultation on initial education and training standards for pharmacists

- 10.1 The Subcommittee agreed that PSNC's response should be aligned with the views of the CCA hosted workforce group.

Action 3: Speak to Marc Donovan to see if he would be happy for the CCA hosted workforce group's draft response to be shared with the Committee for comment, to feed into the PSNC response to the consultation (AB).

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Item 11 – Update on NHS IT projects

- 11.1 Alastair Buxton provided an update on discussions with DHSC on our request that maternity exemption data should continue to be provided to pharmacy teams via the

Real-Time Exemption Checking (RTEC) system. Janice Perkins had participated in a recent discussion of the issue with DHSC and NHS Digital. DHSC had concluded that the case for provision of the data had not been made, as there were other ways in which the information could be obtained by pharmacy teams. Once RTEC is rolled out, guidance will be issued to contractors to highlight the issue and the need to put in place mitigations once the information is no longer available from the patient's signed declaration.

Action 4: Discuss with the Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group options to mitigate the risk of removal of the maternity exemption information when RTEC is introduced and issue appropriate guidance to contractors (AB).

Item 12 – Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD)

Item 13 – Any other business

13.1. There was no other business.