**Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee**

**Funding and Contract Subcommittee Minutes**

**of the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 14.00**

**at Aylesbury room, 14 Hosier Lane, London, EC1A 9LQ**

**Members:**  David Broome, Peter Cattee (Chairman), Tricia Kennerley, Andrew Lane, Margaret MacRury, Has Modi, Garry Myers (Vice Chairman), Bharat Patel, Adrian Price, Anil Sharma

**In attendance:** Mike Dent, Jack Cresswell, Suraj Shah, Komal George

**Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Peter Cattee

1. Welcome from vice-chair
2. Conflicts of Interest/minutes:

No conflicts of interest declared

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2019 set out in **Confidential Appendix FCS 01/01/19** were approved.

**Agenda and subcommittee work**

1. Remuneration
2. 2018/19 contract sum forecast

The subcommittee considered the 2018/19 contract sum forecast shown in **Confidential Appendix FCS 02/05/19**

1. VAT

The subcommittee considered a verbal update on VAT. An update is expected from HMRC at the end of the month. It is the first month of digital submission and teething problems had been noted. This may be an issue for NPA if the system doesn’t bed in.

1. Reimbursement

1. Category M

The subcommittee considered the update on Category M showing in **Confidential Appendix FCS 03/05/19**

DHSC can share data if and when they choose to. The outcome of the margin survey and our sense check of new prices is the formal process for PSNC to check DHSC’s answers.

As there is a long time between FunCon meetings, we should consider intermediary telecons / meetings to discuss any major issues such as Cat M problems. Mike Dent was happy to arrange a FunCon telecon to tease out funding issues if required.

1. Margins survey methodology 2018/19

The subcommittee considered the update on margins survey methodology shown in **Confidential Appendix FCS 04/05/19.**

1. Retained margins forecast 2018/19

The subcommittee considered the update on retained margins forecast for 2018/19 show in **Confidential Appendix FCS 05/05/19**.

The sub-committee agreed that a letter to DHSC needs to highlight clearly the distress this is causing contractors and the letter needs to go out soon as this is absolutely pressing matter for contractors.

1. Discount Not Deducted - Freestyle Libre sensors

The subcommittee considered the update on Freestyle Libre sensors shown in **Confidential Appendix FCS 06/05/19**

1. Branded generics mapping

The subcommittee noted the branded generics mapping shown in **Confidential Appendix FCS 07/05/19** and thebig decline in the number of GP surgeries.

**Report**

1. General funding update

The subcommittee noted the general funding update shown in **Appendix FCS 08/05/19.**

1. Statistics

The subcommittee noted the statistics shown in **Appendix FCS 09/05/19.**

1. Any Other Business

David Broome raised a point that there is information such as appliance deletions that you cannot see on electronic Drug Tariff that can be viewed in the paper or PDF version. The point will be raised with Gordon to determine whether this affects the electronic Drug Tariff as the legal document for purposes of any notification of deletion of listings.

Mike presented policy position statements shared by Zoe for the FunCon subcommittee to agree.

No overall objections were received for the five statements but comments raised to ensure any wording used is patient-friendly and it was felt that the business rates point could reference rents charged by NHS Estates and the treatment of GPs.