

Minutes of the PSNC Service Development Subcommittee meeting
held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 via Zoom
commencing at 1pm

Present: Reena Barai, Roger Nichols, Faisal Tuddy, Clare Kerr, Gary Warner (Chair)

In attendance: Alastair Buxton, Has Modi, Ifti Khan, Mark Burdon, Jas Heer, David Onuoha, Rosie Taylor, Stephen Thomas, Adrian Price, Peter Cattee, Mike Dent, Caline Umutesi, Melinda Mabbutt, Sian Retallick, Zoe Long, George Foote, Margaret MacRury, Jay Patel, Samantha Fisher.

Item 1 – Welcome from Chair

1.1 The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

Item 2 – Apologies for absence

2.1 No apologies for absence were received.

Item 3 – Conflicts or declarations of interest

3.1 No new conflicts of interest or declarations were made.

Item 4 – Minutes of the last meeting

4.1 The minutes of the subcommittee meeting held on 8th September 2021 were approved.

Item 5 – Actions and Matters arising

5.1 None.

Item 6 – Potential criteria for the 2022/23 Pharmacy Quality Scheme

6.1 Rosie Taylor provided a brief introduction to the paper and highlighted that she had received a positive response from the LPCs who had been given the opportunity to provide ideas for the 2022/23 Scheme.

6.2 The subcommittee agreed it was great to see the LPCs putting forward many ideas and there were a number of good suggestions. It was highlighted that some LPCs had put forward proposals for services which would therefore not be suitable for PQS. It was also questioned whether the LPCs were clear on PSNC's policy on funding for Pharmacy PCN Leads, as several LPCs had suggested criteria to fund this role; the policy had been discussed at PLOT meetings on several occasions. Rosie Taylor would send an email to the Gaggle group to thank the LPCs for their suggestions.

6.3 It was suggested that it may be helpful to re-visit the PQS principles which were agreed last year.

- 6.4 The Committee worked through the paper which included items currently and previously included in PQS, items brought to negotiations for the 2021/22 Scheme by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) that could be re-considered for the 2022/23 Scheme, and those suggested by LPCs and Committee members (from previous years and this year). Committee members were asked to highlight any items which they felt should not be included in PQS and then the individual items that remained could be considered in more detail in the future.

Item 7 – Future service development priorities

- 7.1 Alastair Buxton introduced this paper and a discussion followed.

Item 8 – Revising the education and training requirements for pharmacist independent prescribers

- 8.1 The subcommittee agreed to support the changes the General Pharmaceutical Council have proposed in their consultation.

Item 9 – Any other business

- 9.1 In July, the subcommittee was sent an email from Daniel Ah-Thion advising that the Professional Record Standards Body (PRSB) had been updating the Pharmacy information flows standards; PSNC has been collaborating with them on this initiative. PSNC has now been asked to endorse the standards and the subcommittee agreed to this.
- 9.2 Rosie Taylor advised that 6,913 contractors had claimed an Aspiration payment as part of the 2021/22 PQS. This was a similar number to the 2020/21 Scheme.