

## Pharmacy Thames Valley Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 17 November 2021

10.00-13.00 Online

### Summary Minutes

#### Item

#### 1 Welcome and Apologies

**Present:** Robert Bradshaw (Chair), Akin Adeniran (Vice Chair), Ian Dunphy (Treasurer), Ketan Amin, Aron Berry, Andrew Jones, Sonam Kotecha, Shelton Magunje, Corrin McParland, Barrie Prentice, David Dean (Chief Officer), Kevin Barnes (CSO), Amanda Dean (Minutes), Gary Warner (drop-in)

**Apologies:** Navjot Chohan, Vikash Patel, Olivier Picard

#### 2 Declarations of Interests

None

#### 3 Action Log Review

The Action Log (previously circulated) was reviewed and updated. The following points were noted:

- Lloyds Account - has requested that RB and DD be added to the bank account. Lloyds should be in contact.
- proposal regarding the change to the expense claim process circulated. A Finance Sub-Committee meeting has not yet been held. See Treasurer's Report below.
- Media Training – it was agreed a committee session would be held initially. May arrange a half-day session at a later date.
- Workforce pressures – a work group has been set up. Resend temporary closure notification process.
- Press Releases generated good response – 2 radio interviews held. Flu supply – over-65 supply is out of stock, under 65s second choice is freely available. A lot of demand in December but this may be taken by GP clinics at the last minute.
- PharmOutcomes – issues now resolved. There had been 2 issues: a data centre rack went down which was quickly resolved; and delays - resilience work is now being undertaken.

#### 4 Chief Officer's Report

See attached presentation. DD highlighted the following points:

- **DMS** – increasing, driven largely by Royal Berks. Low numbers in East Berks. Working with regional team, NHS and NHS Digital, comparing Trusts and looking at ways to increase numbers.

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- **111 CPCS** – CP only get around 1% of SCAS referrals. Working on promoting pharmacy - this is something the Medicines Optimisation team need to look at. Look at mapping against GP surgeries that don't support patients with ordering through pharmacies.
- **Flu 21/22** – Nearly double last year's numbers. Break down uptake percentage by CP/other. Request that texts/reminders be sent to at risk groups ASAP. Encouragement to co-administer flu so may see figures increase with Covid boosters. This year it feels like a real shift with public confidence moving in CP direction - should expect demand to continue to increase.
- **IPMO** – New Chairs appointed for BOB and Frimley. In transition at the moment. Provide CCA with feedback around representation, priorities, etc.
- **RSG – PSNC/LPC Review** – prospectus goes out on 14<sup>th</sup> December; 1 vote per contractor. Vote mid to late January. Announcement in March. CCA will not allow individual contractors to vote. The RSG programme manager is visiting Thames Valley on Monday to visit some local pharmacies to get an insight.
- **PSNC LPC Dashboard** – Treasurer version is in progress and will be shared with Treasurers.

## 5 CSO's Report

KB highlighted the following points:

- **GP CPCS** – 2 different formats – Frimley use PharmOutcomes - close to 1,700 referrals since July; BOB use NHS mail - under 300 referrals in the same period. Frimley we can see referral times and where referrals haven't been closed. Of the non-accepted referrals, 50% are due to 2 pharmacies and we are working to help pharmacies clear these. It is a balancing act between getting more referrals and coping with demand given current workforce pressures. In BOB we have funding for 2 implementers to train GP staff. In Berkshire we have Liz Allison but we are looking for someone in Oxfordshire. Committee to send any leads. Many surgeries are now coming online, KB has done 12 Zoom calls and 12 face-to-face sessions. Some of the Clinical Directors are limiting some of the 41 conditions. BOB are hopefully moving to PharmOutcomes in December/January.
- **PCNs** – The flu survey has now received around 150 responses, so still around 100 outstanding, please encourage pharmacies to respond. No PCN Lead vacancies at present. PCN Lead briefing to be held 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Oral Contraception Pilot (Reading)** – KB visiting providers in the next week.
- **NMS** – figures to end of August, will support when updated figures are available.

## 6 Treasurer's Report

ID highlighted the following points from the Finance Report:

- Fairly straightforward report, nothing that hasn't been budgeted for.
- Our portion of the Wright Review has been paid, this will be reflected in the next accounts.
- New expenses procedure (see proposal circulated). All agreed the new proposal looks fine. The system can be set up to accept other expenses outside LPC meetings. A Finance Subcommittee meeting to be held. System should be ready for use at the next meeting.

## 7 PSNC/NPA/CCA/AIMp Updates

**PSNC** – No update provided

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**NPA** – No update provided

**CCA** – no new newsletter since the last meeting.

**AIMp** – main discussion point has been workforce issues – lack of locums, rates, speeding up registration process of EU pharmacists, etc.

## 8 SPOC

- See notes circulated.
- Met last week, nothing to report, mainly GP-related.

## 9 Sustainability

AB provided the following update:

- No further response on Pharmacy Show panel. Looking at Pen-Cycle Scheme, AD has contacted. It would be good to get some marketing materials to raise awareness of inhaler recycling - raise with CCG.

## 10 AOB

- **Covid Vacs Phase 3 update** – Berks West asking for more pharmacies around Wokingham/Bracknell area. Going well in pharmacies generally. Need to keep up pressure on NHS with LMCs about long term strategy – it is difficult to plan because we have no guarantee that the programme will continue.  
There is a document advising which boosters are appropriate for patients that have had vaccines abroad that aren't recognised – include in digest.
- **HT Case Finding Service** – 30% of pharmacies have registered to deliver the service. That number is expected to increase dramatically from January and it provides great opportunity to liaise with PCNs.
- **Christmas Opening** – some contractors won't be able to open on certain days. Setting an expectation with NHS that there will be reduced hours/days and that there is a need to be pragmatic.
- **Market Entry** – Upper Heyford has been approved despite opposition. No new permanent closures recently. Oxfordshire PNA has gone out, Berkshire PNA is currently being drafted .

**Next Meeting** – 10.00-13.00, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Online