

DEVON LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th April 2011 at Deer Park

Members in attendance:

David Bearman	Michael Lennox
Steve Budden	Kevin Muckian
Nerys Cadvan-Jones	Stephen O'Reilly
David Chapman	Tony Perkins
Simon Gardner	Paul Stevens
Nigel Gray	Brenda Taylor
Andy Lawson	Adrian Tebby

In Attendance:

Mark Stone – Project Pharmacist
Kathryn Jones – Secretary

1/637 Apologies for absence:

Peter Hope, Chris Naidu, Karen O'Brien, Sue Taylor

1/638 Welcome and Introductions

David Bearman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Simon Mynes, Director of Pharmacy at NHS Plymouth Hospitals Trust.

Simon gave a brief outline to the committee of the history behind the planned opening of the new outpatient pharmacy at Derriford Hospital which is due to open on 1st June 2011. The main hospital pharmacy will still exist for in-patients. Each year 70,000 items on FP10s are dispensed in Plymouth, and FP10s will stop being issued. There is no NHS contract for the new pharmacy, and only out-patient prescriptions will be dispensed. Patients will not have a choice and will have to have their prescriptions dispensed at the new pharmacy, however, when pressed he did agree that some patients would still be given FP10s if necessary for dispensing at a pharmacy of their choice. Members were concerned that adequate advertising of this needs to be undertaken.

Action: Simon Mynes to prepare a letter to all community pharmacies in Plymouth and environs outlining what is happening at the hospital – to be despatched through NHS Plymouth, James Glanville.

1/639 Register of Interests:

All members were asked to complete a new register of interests form and confidentiality agreement.

Action: Members to ensure their completed forms are returned to the Secretariat before the end of April 2011

1/640 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2011

An amendment was made to Minute 1/628 – Minor relocation over 500m Boots – the sentence should have read “ The application should be considered as a minor relocation and the PCT allow it”. The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2011 were then signed as a correct record.

1/641 Matters arising from the minutes

1/633 LPC response to Public Health White Paper

No comments had been received from members, but the LPC response was sent on 30th March.

1/634 Outcome Measures and Performance Management

Nerys Cadvan-Jones reported that she had attended a meeting regarding the new Smoking LES and the PCT will provide training, and an article was in the latest LPC newsletter. She had details of a scheme being run in Cardiff and the details had been past to Sue.

1/642 Finance Report

A verbal report given by Brenda Taylor.

1/643 Contractual Matters

New premises 100 hours a week exemption – Boots UK – Retail Park, Laira Bridge Road, Plymouth

Action: Send LPC response to NHS Devon

Preliminary consent for inclusion at the new town of Cranbrook, Near Rockbeare – The Essential Pharmacy Ltd

An application had been received several years ago from the same applicant, but the approval had expired. The LPC had supported the previous application and nothing had changed.

Action: Send response to NHS Devon

Preliminary consent for inclusion at West Hill, Nr Ottery St Mary – The Essential Pharmacy Ltd

An application had been received several years ago from the same applicant, but the approval had expired. The LPC had supported the previous application and nothing had changed.

Action: Send response to NHS Devon

1/644 Secretariat Report

Members received the Secretariat Report.

1/645 Pharmabase

Paul Stevens reported that he had spent time looking at Pharmabase information and was keen to use it, however, both he and Chris Naidu were both concerned about future costs, and wanted to be able to opt in and opt out.

It was reported that staff from PCTs had been invited to the LPC awayday and Nigel Slater who had been appointed to promote Pharmabase to commissioners would be attending to give a demonstration. PSNC have indicated that he is not available to give demonstrations to LPCs, but it was felt the funding paid for by LPCs, should cover the marketing. The members of the LPC decided that they wanted the demonstration of Pharmabase to PCT staff to be separate from the LPC meeting and David Bearman agreed to revise the agenda for the daytime meeting on 17th May.

1/646 LPC Forums

Mark reported he had been unable to contact Leanne Denton but he will continue to try.

Simon Gardner reported that due to work commitments he will be resigning from the LPC after the LPC meeting in May. David Bearman thanked Simon for all his hard work as a member of the LPC but also as Vice Chair. This now leaves a vacancy for the facilitator of the Torbay forum.

It was agreed that the agenda for the Torbay forum due to be held on 19th May, would include Asthmas MURs, new medicine service.

1/647 Plymouth Doctors' Chemist

The new pharmacy opened and the website indicated that patients needed to sign up at GP surgeries. The PCT will enforce impartiality by GPs and would be writing out insisting no direction of prescriptions. Members felt that pharmacies should ensure their practice leaflets are displayed at GP surgeries and that the new pharmacy abides by the law, pharmacies all need to compete on even terms.

Action: Write to LMC

Take advice from PSNC and then prepare a letter to GPs

Members to notify Secretariat of evidence of direction of scripts.

1/648 Clinical Pathways

Members split into groups and discussed clinical pathways and then feedback to David Bearman their thoughts ready for the Awayday in May.

Action: Prepare work to be undertaken at Awayday.

1/649 Any Other Business

Direction of prescriptions - Tavistock

Nerys Cadvan-Jones reported on a meeting she had with the GP surgery, and was concerned that they maybe directing scripts. She will try to obtain evidence.

GP Commissioning Event – Taunton

Michael Lennox asked if the supporting document could be circulated to all members of the LPC.

Action: Circulate

Just in Case bags – Devon

Paul Stevens asked what had happened since he raised the matter.

Action: Follow up with Sue on her return

Torbay Care Trust – Request for details of residential and nursing home information

Kevin Muckian had passed to Sue correspondence his pharmacies had received from the Care Trust asking for information about contacts, links etc., - he was not sure why they needed the information.

Action: Follow up with Sue on her return

The meeting closed at 21.40

The next LPC meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th May at Larkbeare House, Exeter starting at 9.30am

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