

Coventry Local Pharmaceutical Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
5th November 2009 at Oaktree Conference Centre, Coventry

LPC Members Present:	
Gam Amar - Chair (GA)	Adel Ghulam (AG)
Jaffer Alibhai (JA)	Rafica Ahmed (RA)
Rosie Devi (RD)	Pradeep Duggal – Treasurer (PD)
Jarnail Dhaliwal (JD)	Jaswinder Mankia (JM)
Paul Insley (PI)	Manjit Uppal (MU)
Amal Rampal (AR)	

In attendance: Gareth McCague, Judith Lacey (GMC Healthcare Ltd)

Guests: Public Meeting

Ashwin Kanabar, Monarch Pharmacy
 Laurence Tressler, NHS Coventry

Apologies: Ashwin Hindocha, Baljit Heer, Ranjit Mann, Bhavin Joshi

P1. Introductions

P2. Apologies & Announcements

P3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – Not covered

P4. Matters Arising from last Public Meeting – Not covered

P5. Laurence Tressler, NHS Coventry

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 - Laurence and Peter Barker visited one Healthy Life Check (HLC) pharmacy and are very pleased with the service.
 - PCT will be issuing press release soon. 2nd November is the official launch date. Louise Jew wants a pharmacist photo & quote. GMC suggested choosing an LPC member for this – GA happy to do
 - LT acknowledged that out that the drive for this service came from GMC. Coventry is the only PCT in West Midlands SHA working with this service model and the PCT is looking forward to seeing the evaluation
 - LT advised that a letter is going out to all 40 participants tomorrow (6/11/09) regarding SLA, clinical waste and details for registering with GP. The SLA must be returned before payments will be released
 - Evaluation form envelopes will be sent out soon (have only received 3 to 4 forms back so far, but things looking positive)
 - GA pointed out that in Appendix 3 of the training pack handed out that blood glucose down as > 6, but on the system > 7 and TC/HDL down as > 6, but on system > 5. (GMC phoned Julie Evason who will look at these issues and advise)
- Enhanced CRB Checks
 - PCT Commissioning may want to make sure this has been done. HR to go to a future PDG to go through it then.
 - Enhanced level likely to be required
- Signposting
 - LT looking at funding for this
- Hours (Boxing Day)
 - Local decision made that 26/12/09 is not a bank holiday (the Monday is). 100 hour and core hours will have to open unless 90 day notice was given

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- Specials
 - LT advised the LPC that contractors may get a call from the PCT regarding this
 - If a patient can swallow a tablet then they should be changed from liquid to a tablet preparation
- Sexual Health
 - Rosalyn Pain has been appointed as Sexual Health Champion (1/2 day a week) who will visit pharmacies to answer questions, feed back on targets, etc. She will be attending the next CPOG. Invite her to the next LPC meeting
- Information Governance Toolkit
 - LT has looked at the questionnaire. Everyone will have to fill it in (can be viewed on the PSNC website)
 - Communication from the PCT will get out to all contractors regarding this
 - GMC asked LT to channel this through the CPOG
- Phlebotomy Service
 - LT handed out report from Ruth Hallett (**copy attached**)
 - GA pointed out to that the LPC asked Ruth if they could be involved last time to look at increasing number of pharmacy sites and their hours, but nothing done yet.
 - GMC pointed out that there is now a 3 week waiting list at one (GP Phlebotomy Clinic, which is a risk for patients. This service is a victim of its own success, now needing more points of access and more hours to get the waiting list down.
 - LT will take these points back to Ruth Hallett
- Premises Improvement
 - This has previously been put on hold because of flu
 - LT has now looked at the forms returned from the contractors. LT and GMC to meet to go through these forms and then take to finance. Money is available, but may be staggered
 - Auto-doors deemed to be DDA and outside spirit of scheme
- Swine Flu
 - Was hot spot for first pandemic wave, but numbers have now dipped
 - Vaccination programme now in process
- NHS-net
 - Account to be set up for all pharmacies

SK Pharmacy

LT informed all present that SK Pharmacy is now indefinitely. The PCT and proprietor are addressing the issues.

P6. Phlebotomy

Covered in Laurence Tressler’s report

P7. Branded Generics (Vennax)

- Godiver PBC Group have own website
- GP’s that are part of group are encouraged to make savings. Those working together in a consortium work much better, possibly due to peer pressure. Some are encouraged to get their local pharmacist to be part of group. There is also pressure on Meds. Management support such activities
- LT understands how irritating it is to have 3 or 4 brands of drugs on the pharmacy shelf
- GP’s were originally told that all pharmacists would be stocking Vennax. This is not the case and GP’s want a list of those that do

Actions

- LT suggested that the LPC makes these points to the PBC Group
- GMC asked if PCT can identify the manufacturer/suppliers?
- GA advised not going to resolve problem today. The key issue is that some charges are higher than others for the same products
- LT suggested that the LPC, PCT, Unichem, AAH & Goldshield get together on this issue
- PSNC to speak to Dept. Health

P8. AOB
None

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