

## Minutes of Community Pharmacy Kent Committee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Officers

P	Mark Anyaegbuna (CEO)	CEO	Kent LPC
P	Amish Patel (Chair)	Chair	Independent
Aps	David Entwistle (DE)	Vice Chair	CCA
<b>Members</b>			
P	Sachin Mehta (SM)	Member	IPA
P	Sunil Chopra (SC)	Member	Independent
P	David Apata (DA)	Member	CCA
P	Samantha Grieve (SG)	Member	CCA
P	Shirley Walker (SW)	Member	CCA
P	Maureen Aruede (MA)	Member	Independent
P	Alice Bright (AB)	Member	IPA
P	Mike Rudin (MR)	Member	IPA
Aps	Olabimpe Kunlipo (OK)	Member	Independent
<b>LPC Staff</b>			
P	Adeyinka Jolaoso (AJ)	Service Development Manager	
Mat. Leave	Priya Mattu (PM)	Pharmacy First/DMS/IP Pathfinder Project Lead	
P	Natalia Bejan (NB)	LPC Office Administrator	
<b>Guest</b>			
P	Mildred Johnsson	Chief Pharmacist/ Clinical Director of Pharmacy and Medicine Optimisation Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.	
P	Nirusha Govender	Associate director for Pharmacy Workforce, Quality and Safety Medicine Optimisation Team.	
P (Virtual)	Gary Warner (GW)	Community Pharmacy England Southeast Regional Representative.	
P (Virtual)	Bekithemba Mhlanga	Pharmacy and Optometry Senior Commissioning Manager South-East Pharmacy Optometry and Dentistry Commissioning Hub	

p	Present	pm	part of the meeting only	Aps	apologies sent	Aps	Apologies not sent
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Meeting Commences at 09.42am

### Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

Chair welcomed committee members.

OK and DE sent their apologies.

### Minutes

Minutes was signed off with no amendments.

All actions and next steps were completed and signed off.

## 1. Service Development Updates

AJ shared the slides as attached.

Key highlights:

The committee reviewed the performance of various NHS services, including Hypertension Case Finding (HCF), the Contraception Service, the New Medicine Service (NMS), and Lateral Flow Distribution. Challenges around the Pharmacy First initiative were discussed, along with potential strategies to overcome these barriers.

Performance data for the four Health and Care Partnerships (HCPs) in Kent and Medway were shared and compared against the South East Integrated Care Board (SE ICB) data. The total number of pharmacies at risk of not meeting the minimum threshold for September was identified, and a new banding of pharmacies based on the maximum number of Pharmacy First claims was presented.

From March 31, 2025, pharmacies must conduct Hypertension Case Finding (HCF) and the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) as part of Pharmacy First to be eligible for monthly incentives. A detailed performance breakdown of the Pharmacy Contraception Service by HCP was reviewed.

An update on NMS performance across Kent and Medway was provided, highlighting improvements. Over 93% of contractors actively engage in blood pressure checks, with concerns raised about the conversion rate from blood pressure checks to Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM). Collaborative efforts between the LPC and the ICB team were reviewed.

Updates on the implementation of the Independent Prescribing (IP) pathfinder service were shared. The service is set to launch soon, with the LPC actively supporting contractors. KMCR onboarding and smart card updates have been completed at both sites.

Kent and Medway have moved up seven places in the referrals rate table, with actions in place to continue supporting contractors and sustaining this progress. An update on the Locally Commissioned Service for Supervised Consumption was provided, identifying gaps in service provision. The committee was also informed about the outcomes of a visit with members of the Forward Trust team.

Action: AJ to share PF leaflet on CPK website.

Action: AJ to design a pathway or flow-chat to delivering a Contraception Service.

Action: AJ to investigate any barrier to organizing a second training session for contraception.

Action: AJ to continue with the Service Newsletter and monitor the click rate and uptake

## 2. Finance Sub-committee Updates.

SG shared the update.

Key Highlights:

- The committee is on track with budget and spending.
- The reason behind each area of overspending was shared with the committee.
- The balance of Account 2 was shared with the committee.

- A draft budget will be presented at the next meeting

### **3. CEO Updates**

CEO shared the presentation slide as attached.

Key Highlights:

The CEO provided an update on the PNA outcome and highlighted key achievements over the past year, including:

- Receiving an award at the Kent and Medway Conference.
- Achieving the highest number of pharmacies providing COVID vaccinations.
- Ensuring 100% completion of the Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) questionnaire.
- Ranking 4th nationally in completing the Community Advice Audit.
- Submitting contributions to the NHS 10-Year Plan.
- Influencing contraception training through the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE).
- Participating in a BBC broadcast.
- Responding to the NPA industrial action.

The PCN funding bidding process was discussed, including the chances of securing funds. The CEO provided insights into financial savings and the effective leveraging of office resources to meet organizational goals and maintain high performance levels. Additionally, development and learning needs for the office team were shared.

The LPC skill mix is under review and will be completed in February, with findings to be shared at the next meeting. The Expression of Interest for new elected officers will be circulated soon and included in the March meeting papers.

The committee was briefed on collaboration with Medway Council regarding Varenicline, including the payment structure for the service. Oriel has been sending emails to contractors with trainee pharmacists, and the cohort for the next year is now open for registration.

The CEO shared a proposal for the Primary Care Hub, which includes training for GP care navigators. An investigation is underway into the Sharp Collection service provision across Kent and Medway to ensure contractors are fairly remunerated. The CEO also updated the committee on MP engagements and plans for another engagement programme.

Action: CEO to re-share newsletter to ensure the myth link is working

Action: CEO to go back to Medway council for re-negotiation on payment of locally commission Varenicline.

Action: CEO to send the proposal of the Primary Care Hub training for Pharmacy First to the committee.

#### **4. Performance Subcommittee Updates**

The subcommittee updated the committee on LPC overall performance and pay review was discussed.

#### **5. HEALTHWATCH UPDATE**

SU shared the presentation slide as attached.

Key Highlights:

- SU shared the engagement, events and the development the health-watch has made over the past year
- The feedback and the next step and how these were dealt with was shared with the committee.
- The CEO will continue collaborating with Healthwatch to ensure customers and patients are informed about how local pharmacies can support their health.

Action: AJ to send the animation of all the Nationally Commissioned Service to health-watch.

#### **6. STAIRS UPDATE**

- MJ and NG shared the updates
- The benefits of the Stair system were shared with the committee.
- The CAP platform was launched in November and how it worked was shared with the committee.
- The CAP also give them the opportunity to Pharmacist looking for DPP to search for one and communicate with them.

#### **7. NHS COMMISIONING HUB UPDATE**

- BM shared that six contractors in Kent will be having the full CPAF visit in the last 2weeks of February.
- The six contractors will include ones with change of ownership.
- BM mentioned that there are discrepancies in the reported opening hours for some pharmacies.
- He also shared that 46 contractors in Kent and Medway have not yet confirmed whether their shared email address is accessible by two team members and the steps taken to ensure this requirement is met.

Action: CEO to send a communication to all contractors regarding the opening hours of their pharmacies.

## **8. Community Pharmacy England Update**

GW presented via teams

Key Highlights:

- There will be a Community Pharmacy England meeting in the second week of February.
- The pharmacy contract negotiation will be happening very soon.
- Chair raised the question on the issue of contractors carrying out both the HCF and the PCS as part of the pharmacy first service from the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. GW responded that no specific number of is expected but expect a communication in due course.

## **9. AOB**

- MA raised the issue of 84 days prescribing and CEO responded that should be forwarded to him and he can escalate
- MA also raised the issue of locum doctors using generic FP10 pads to write a prescription.
- The issue of branded generic was raised, and this will be addressed again with the Medicines Optimisation team

Meeting ended at 16:10

If you would like more detail about the minutes, please email [admin@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk)

### **Date of Next Meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

8<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Please note all meeting will be taking place at *Holiday Inn Maidstone / Sevenoaks London Road Kent TN15 7RS*