



Maximising pharmacy contribution to health and wellbeing of people living in Kent and Medway by effectively engaging, supporting, and representing community pharmacists, promoting best practice, and developing service opportunity for the benefit of all contractors.

Minutes of Community Pharmacy Kent Committee Meeting 11th March 2025

Officers

P	Mark Anyaegbuna (CEO)	CEO	Kent LPC
P	Amish Patel (Chair)	Chair	Independent
P	David Entwistle (DE)	Vice Chair	CCA
Members			
P	Sachin Mehta (SM)	Member	IPA
P	Sunil Chopra (SC)	Member	Independent
P	David Apata (DA)	Member	CCA
Aps	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
P	Olabimpe Kunlipo (OK)	Member	Independent
LPC Staff			
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	
Guest			
P	Oluwatoyin Sosanya	MRPharmS, Public Health Pharmacy and Quality Lead, Kent County Council.	
P	Kenny Lawton	PocDoc Enterprise Account Executive	

p	Present	pm	part of the meeting only	Aps	apologies sent	Apns	Apologies not sent
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Meeting Commences at 09.43am

Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

Chair welcomed committee members.

SG sent her apologies.

Minutes

Minutes were signed off with no amendments.

All actions and next steps were completed and signed off.

1. Elections (Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer)

SG was unanimously voted as the Treasurer of the committee.

DE was unanimously voted as the Vice Chair of the committee.

AP was unanimously voted as the Chair of the committee.

2. CEO Updates

CEO shared the presentation slide as attached.

Key Highlights:

- The CEO provided an update on Kent LPC's collaboration with the ICB to plan early budgeting for PCN leads, including the training schedule for September 2025.
- According to the CEO, additional webinars will be held from June to September to introduce the plan and the digital module of the PCN.
- He also outlined the expectations in case any vacancies remain unfilled before the project's commencement.
- The CEO shared that AJ will oversee the project's monitoring and implementation, with his support.
- The negotiation for Varenicline has been finalised by Medway Council, and AJ will now ensure that all contractors providing the service in Medway are claiming the £500 for Varenicline.
- He shared that KCHFT has extended its contract for another year, and an email has been sent to all contractors across the county to inform them of this update.
- CEO shared that there has been an initial restructuring within the ICB, and he will stay close to this to continue monitoring the situation.
- The CEO discussed his efforts to transition prescribing to a 28-day cycle. While he anticipates some resistance, he remains committed to this change as a strategy to reduce patient waste.
- The CEO has raised a concern that Ashford Medical Centre's approach to advertising and handling "Pharmacy First" referrals is negatively impacting local pharmacy contractors by diverting consultations away from them, affecting their ability to meet targets. This has however been escalated to the ICB, and he is awaiting their feedback.
- The LPC skill matrix was reviewed and completed by the committees during the meeting. This assessment ensures that the necessary skills and competencies are in place to support pharmacy services effectively.

Action: CEO to re-share information in the newsletter about promazine and promethazine to prevent potential error.



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3. Service Development Updates

AJ shared the slides as attached.

Key highlights

- AJ shared 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 with the committee.
- Performance data for the four Health and Care Partnerships (HCPs) in Kent and Medway were shared and compared against the Southeast Integrated Care Board (SE ICB) data.
- The total number of pharmacies at risk of not meeting the minimum threshold for November was identified and shared with the committee.
- AJ shared that PCARP workgroup has been formed, and meeting will be held monthly, and the meeting will focus on performance around Hypertension Case Finding, Pharmacy Contraception Service and Pharmacy First referrals.
- An update on NMS performance across Kent and Medway was provided, highlighting improvements. Over 93% of contractors actively engage in blood pressure checks and the collaborative efforts between the LPC and the ICB team were reviewed.
- Updates on the implementation of the Independent Prescribing (IP) pathfinder service were shared.
- CEO gave the assurance that the LPC office will ensure that both sites are signed up to deliver the service.

Action: AJ to find out the number of contractors using Pharmoutcomes and other IT, match HCP.

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

Action: AJ to share the breakdown number of hours, number of patients and costs saved on pharmacy first.

4. Finance Sub-committee Updates.

MR shared the finance updates and budgeting spreadsheets.

Key Highlights:

- The committee is on track with budget and spending.
- The accounts are up to date as of 2025/26 with a slight under-spent
- The draft budget for 2025/26 was presented at the meeting
- The budget has been updated to the CPE standards and the reserve summary has been discussed
- A 5-year plan for budgeting plan was proposed to the committee to alleviate any overspent.

5. Performance Subcommittee Updates.

- Chair provided an update on the progress of the LPC Committees Skills Matrix.
- Additionally, the Chair also raised the concern regarding Ashford Medical Practice directing Pharmacy First referrals to a surgery in Hampshire

6. PNA Updates.

CEO shared the slides.

Key highlights:

- The percentage of individuals using pharmacies for healthcare services was reviewed. A significant number of patients visit pharmacies at least once a month, either for their own needs or on behalf of a family member.
- The discussion included an assessment of pharmacy operating hours, with particular attention to availability during weekends. Ensuring sufficient service hours is critical in meeting community healthcare demands.
- Factors such as public transport access and the availability of multilingual services were considered. However, these were less important compared to other accessibility aspects.
- The strategic location of pharmacies close to patients' homes was recognized as a key advantage, contributing to ease of access and convenience for the community.

7. PocDoc Updates

KL shared the updates as below:

- KL introduced a new testing kit designed to screen for cardiovascular disease and its functionality to the committee.
- KL also emphasized that the kit would help to provide an accessible and efficient way for individual to monitor their heart health in the pharmacy.
- KL also shared the various prevention strategies for cardiovascular disease, emphasizing the role of early detection and proactive health management in reducing cardiovascular disease risk within the community.
- KL shared the benefits of PocDoc's system, including its convenience, accuracy, and integration with digital health platforms, allowing patients to take control of their heart health and access results quickly.

8. NHS Service Updates

- The CEO shared the performance of the nationally commissioned service for Kent and Medway in relation to its target.



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Meeting ended at 15.30pm

Committee Meetings 2025-2026

13th May 2025

8th July 2025

16th September 2025

11th November 2025

20th January 2026

10th March 2026

All meeting will be taking place face to face at *Holiday Inn Maidstone /Sevenoaks London Road Kent TN15 7RS*