

Report of the Committee for April 2018 to March 2019

Makeup of the Committee of Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire

The current LPC committee was formed in April 2018 and this report covers the first of the four years of the committee's term. Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire chose to adopt the PSNC model constitution and the membership of the committee is reflective of that. The 15 person committee is proportional to the numbers of contracts in the area of the LPC held by Company Chemists Association (CCA members), Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies (AIMP) and Independent Contractors.

Based on contracts held on 31st November 2017 the constitution of Lincolnshire LPC comprises 7 CCA members, 5 AIMP members and 3 Independent Contractors.

The LPC Executive Committee consists of officers of the committee, and are;

LPC Chair:	Paul Jenks
LPC Vice Chair:	Alastair Farquhar
LPC Treasurer:	Chris Kenny

The LPC also has two employees, who are not members of the LPC Committee

LPC Chief Officer:	Steve Mosley
LPC Administrative Assistant:	Hazel Sisson

Committee Members

CCA

Paul Jenks, Les Guiblin, Jon Norman, Christine Bass, Enrico Pignotti, Gaetano Bellia and Zoe Starbuck¹.

AIMp

Alastair Farquhar, Nick Carney², Chris Kenny, Marc Brooks and Blazej Jasnowski.

Independent Contractors

Chirag Ahir and Chris Mulimba.³

Meeting Arrangements

- As in previous years, Lincolnshire LPC continued with the beneficial arrangements of bi-monthly daytime meetings, alternating with additional evening meetings where necessary to enable the committee to effectively support the changing local healthcare agenda.

¹ Zoe Starbuck resigned her CCA position between the January and March meetings but was not replaced by the CCA within the term covered by this report.

² Nick Carney resigned his AIMp position between the January and March meeting but was not replaced by AIMp within the term covered by this report.

³ Chris Mulimba started attending as an independent contractor representative from the March meeting onwards.

Finance Matters

- The LPC finances remained sound throughout 2018-19 as is reflected in the Treasurer's report. Whilst aiming to maintain a suitable working capital balance and retaining an appropriate balance in alignment with strategic plans to enhance the profile of community pharmacy in Lincolnshire.
- The LPC continued to take a fixed levy to deliver value for contractors and enable effective and agile financial planning for current and future strategies.

Engagement

2018-19 saw the LPC continue to develop strong relationships for the advantage of pharmacy contractors in the county. The LPC has achieved improved recognition throughout the Lincolnshire health and care system as wider changes to the NHS landscape see the continuing development of STPs towards Integrated Care Systems. It is anticipated that this pace of change will only continue with the announcement toward the end of the term of this report of the creation of Primary Care Networks.

Members, Officers and employees of the LPC Committee continue to represent Lincolnshire community pharmacy contractors, with membership of the following bodies:

Lincolnshire Prescribing and Clinical Effectiveness Forum (PACEF)

East Midlands Clinical Senate

Lincolnshire Anticipatory Prescribing Group

PSNC Rural Working Group (national)

Community Pharmacy Competency Group (national)

Lincolnshire STP Pharmacy and Prescribing group

Lincolnshire Clinical Cabinet

Lincolnshire Antimicrobial Stewardship Group

Lincolnshire Urgent and Emergency Strategy Group

East Midlands AHSN Medicines Optimisation Advisory Group

Lincolnshire CD LIN

Lincolnshire LPN

Lincolnshire H&WB PNA Committee

Lincolnshire Seasonal Influenza Planning Group

Lincolnshire Sexual Health programme Board

Lincolnshire Self Care Planning Group

Once again, during the 2018-19 financial year the LPC continued its close working with Public Health, and all commissioned public health services continued in the county

The committee have also continued to further working relationships with **Clinical Commissioning Groups**, continuing dialogue relating to repeat prescription services, electronic prescriptions and repeat dispensing throughout the county.

Pharmacy Applications

As in previous years, the LPC committee continued to respond to pharmacy applications, providing appropriate responses based upon the views of contractors.

Pharmacy Local Services

- The LPC carried on its work with public health commissioners to ensure that services continued to be delivered to the standards demanded by community pharmacy contractors for service users. This included work with commissioners and providers of public health services, and discussion relating to the changes in recommendations for emergency hormonal contraception with the sexual health team in the county.
- Lincolnshire pharmacies benefitted from being in one of the pilot areas of the Digital Minor Illness Referral Service commencing commissioned by NHS England through the Pharmacy Integration Fund.

Quality Payments

Community Pharmacy continued to provide support to contractor to support them maximising payments available through the Quality Payments Scheme.

Summary

2018-19 was another busy year for the LPC committee, and we recognised that change, and its increasing pace, was now inevitable for all healthcare providers, and that this would mean greater challenges for contractors, and the committee representing them.

We continued to devote time and effort to ensuring that pharmacy contractors in Lincolnshire could continue to deliver services to their patients, and to look critically at the services currently being commissioned with a view to ensuring that these were safe, effective and adequately funded.

I would again like to take this opportunity to formally thank the members of the LPC committee for their hard work and devotion during the year. I would also like to extend this to Alastair Farquhar, Vice Chair, Steve Mosley, Chief Officer, Chris Kenny, our treasurer and to Hazel Sisson, our Administrative Assistant.

*Paul Jenks
LPC Chair
September 2019*