

Report of the Committee for April 2019 to March 2020

Makeup of the Committee of Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire

The current LPC committee was formed in April 2018 and this report covers the second 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 (now known as Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire) comprises 7 CCA members, 5 AIMP members and 3 Independent Contractors.

The Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire Executive Committee consists of officers of the committee, and are;

Chair:	Paul Jenks
Vice Chair:	Alastair Farquhar (resigned at the end of March 2020)
Treasurer:	Chris Kenny

Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire also has two employees, who are not members of the Committee

Chief Officer:	Steve Mosley (until January 2020); position currently vacant
Administrative Assistant:	Hazel Sisson

Committee Members

CCA

Paul Jenks, Les Guiblin, Jon Norman, Enrico Pignotti, Gaetano Bellia¹, Wojciech Cwiek², Sai Koneru³.

AIMp

Alastair Farquhar, John Broomhead⁴, Chris Kenny, Marc Brooks and Blazej Jasnowski.

Independent Contractors

Chirag Ahir and Chris Mulimba.

¹ Gaetano resigned from the committee at the end of June, with May 2019 being his final committee meeting.

² Wojciech joined the committee from November 2019 as CCA rep replacement for Chris Bass, who left the committee at the end of March 2019.

³ Sai joined the committee in July 2019 as CCA rep replacement for Zoe Starbuck, who left the committee who left the committee between January and March meetings in 2019

⁴ John joined the committee in July 2019 as an AIMp replacement for Nick Carney, who left the committee between January and March meetings in 2019

Meeting Arrangements

- As in previous years, Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire 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. The final meeting of 2019-20 was held virtually, using Microsoft Teams due to distancing enforced by COVID-19.

Finance Matters

- Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire's finances remained sound throughout 2019-20 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.
- Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire continued to take a fixed levy to deliver value for contractors and enable effective and agile financial planning for current and future strategies. Discussions regarding payment holidays were made a standing item on the agendas for committee meetings.

Engagement

2019-20 saw Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire further strong relationships for the advantage of pharmacy contractors in the county. Regular attendance, advice and input has established our position within the STP as this moves towards an Integrated Care System. The importance of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) is also set to grow and as part of the Quality Payments Scheme the significant work was undertaken to support contractors and facilitate the appointment of Community Pharmacy Primary Care Network leads; as of February 2020, each PCN in the county has an appointed Community Pharmacy PCN lead and our website has been updated to provide comprehensive information about PCN membership.

Members, Officers and employees of Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire continue to represent Lincolnshire community pharmacy contractors, with membership of and/or representation on 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
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 2019-20 financial year the LPC continued its close working with Public Health, to review and support commissioned public health services continued in the county.

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

Pharmacy Applications

As in previous years, the committee continued to respond to pharmacy applications, providing appropriate responses based upon the views of contractors. The majority of applications during this period related to consolidations or relocations with no significant change.

Pharmacy Local Services

- Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire 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. These continued positively, finally seeing fruition early in the 2020-21 financial year.

Quality Payments

Community Pharmacy continued to provide support to contractor to support them maximising payments available through the Quality Payments Scheme. Significant work was undertaken to support appointment of Community Pharmacy PCN leads to ensure that all eligible pharmacies were able to claim this aspect of QPS.

Summary

2019-20 was a very busy year for Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire; as predicted, the pace of change and demand on the committee's, officers' and employee's time was significant. Increasingly, we saw the start of a positive shift with stakeholders seeking to discuss ideas and concerns earlier, allowing for outcomes beneficial to contractors. Additional challenges were faced towards the end of the 2019-20 period as our Chief Officer moved on from Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire.

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 Steve Mosley, Chief Officer, Chris Kenny, our treasurer and to Hazel Sisson, our Administrative Assistant.

In particular, I would like to give my personal thanks, and that of the committee to Alastair Farquhar. Alastair had made the decision to step down from the committee at the end of January after more than 20 years as part of his phased retirement plans. However, as we were without a Chief Officer at this time, and as the impact of COVID-19 was beginning to be felt in healthcare he offered to stay to support Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire until the end of March.



We are incredibly grateful for Alastair's additional support during this period this time, but more importantly for his significant contributions to the smooth running of the committee and representation of community pharmacies in the county over his many years as a committee member, former Chair and Vice Chair. He has been fundamental in providing local leadership and insights and shaping the strategy for Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire, and we wish him the very best for his future.

*Paul Jenks
LPC Chair
September 2020*