

Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee Agenda
for the meeting to be held on 9th and 10th September 2020
via Zoom

Commencing at 9.30am

Members: Reena Barai, Richard Bradley, David Broome, Mark Burdon, Peter Cattee, Ian Cubbin, Marc Donovan, Samantha Fisher, Mark Griffiths, Alice Hare, Jas Heer, Tricia Kennerley, Clare Kerr, Sunil Kochhar, Margaret MacRury, Fin McCaul, Niamh McMillan, Has Modi, Garry Myers, Bharat Patel, Indrajit Patel, Prakash Patel, Umesh Patel, Jay Patel, Janice Perkins, Adrian Price, Sian Retallick, Anil Sharma, Stephen Thomas, Faisal Tuddy, Gary Warner

Chair: Sue Killen

Wednesday 9th September

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| 1. Welcome from Chair | 09:30 – 09:40 |
| 2. Welcome and introduction from the Chief Executive | 09:40 – 09:50 |
| 3. Apologies for absence | |
| 4. Governance | |
| 5. Conflicts or declarations of interest | |
| 7. Matters arising (Appendix 01/09/2020) | |

Action:

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| 8. COVID-19 Costs | 10:00 – 11:15 |
| 9. PhAS | 11:15 – 12:30 |
| 10. Lunch | 12:30 – 13:30 |
| 11. GP CPCS | 13:30 – 14:45 |
| 12. Hub and Spoke | 14:45 – 16:00 |
| 13. Close of Day 1 | 16:00 |

Thursday 10th September

1. Welcome from Chair **09:30 – 10:15**
2. Scenario Planning for the remainder of 2020/21 **10:15 – 11:30**
3. Subcommittee reports **11:30 – 12:00**
4. Lunch **12:00 – 13:00**
5. Wright Review Presentation, Michael Twigg (**Appendix 02/09/2020**) **13:00 – 14:30**
6. Close of Day 2 **14:30**

Matters Arising

Meeting Reference	Matter Arising	Action
6 February 2020 (6.6)	LPC and Contractor Support Subcommittee will establish a working group with LPCs to create the agenda for the national meeting of LPCs.	The working group was created and the virtual meeting of LPCs and PSNC took place on 8th July.
6 February 2020 (9.1)	A summary of the key points of the annual review to be circulated to the Committee and the office to approach other pharmacy bodies and invite feedback and contributions. The office will then write to the Government on these issues.	Discussion and data capture has started.
20 May 2020 (6.2)	Rapid Action Taskforce which will be a standing item on the LCS subcommittee agenda as it evolves in the second phase of the NHS response to COVID-19 to support contractors and LPCs and PSNC. As part of this process feedback is sought from PSNC members which should be sent to Richard Brown [and Gordon Hockey].	Ongoing
20 May 2020 (6.5)	PSNC to seek a further cash advance of £50m at the end of May.	Ministers agreed to inject a further £50m of advanced funding into Community Pharmacies at the end of May.
24 June 2020 (9.3)	Current and Future Funding - The working groups considered questions on a specific model and more general questions raised by it and it was agreed that further analysis of the model itself and the more general questions raised by it would be undertaken by the office starting in the summer.	Ongoing
24 June 2020 (11.1)	The amended Risk Register will be circulated to the Committee.	Ongoing
25 June 2020 (12.3)	The Restoration and Recovery work with DHSC and NHSE&I, will continue over the summer and developments will be reported back to the Committee.	Ongoing
25 June 2020 (12.4)	Richard Brown is leading the PSNC Pharmacy Advice Audit. The Chief Executive will speak to Jeannette Howe about the review and timescales and will report back to the Committee.	Ongoing



Independent Review Update

- PSNC and LPCs paused to reflect over the summer
- Four key questions addressed
- Michael Twigg to give summary of LPC responses
- PSNC poll results
- Next steps and LPC Conference
- Breakout Discussions



Q1: Funding?

- ▶ No additional costs for contractors
 - ▶ Reserves?
- ▶ Phase 1: existing LPC and PSNC funds used
 - ▶ Explore Wright review findings
 - ▶ Determination of costs/benefits of new system
 - ▶ Development of communication plan
- ▶ Phase 2: external or additional PSNC/LPC funding based on business case
- ▶ Funding from LPCs must be fair, proportional and equitable

Q2: Exploration of findings

- ▶ Process must be contractor-led
- ▶ A working group to be established to move proposals forward: see previous slide
- ▶ An oversight board to monitor the working group
- ▶ Representation on these groups need to reflect their Terms of Reference

Q3: Governance?

- ▶ Contractors need to be at the centre of decision making
- ▶ Appointment to a working group/oversight board must be fair, transparent and equitable
- ▶ Clear Terms of Reference for both groups are required

Q4: Contractor oversight?

- ▶ The majority of decisions can be made by an appropriately constituted group on behalf of all contractors
- ▶ Major decisions must be put to all contractors in a clear, concise and accessible manner
- ▶ The threshold for accepting proposals requires further discussion and agreement but it must ensure an unequivocal outcome

Summary

- ▶ General agreement that the process should move forward
- ▶ Contractors should not pay extra (particularly for initial phase)
- ▶ Need a working group and oversight board
- ▶ Everything needs to be proportional, equitable and transparent
- ▶ Contractors should be at the centre of decision making

Thank you, any questions?