

Minutes of the PSNC Service Development Subcommittee meeting

held on Monday 7th September 2020

via Zoom

Present: Reena Barai, Richard Bradley, Clare Kerr, Prakash Patel, Faisal Tuddy, Gary Warner (Chair)

In attendance: Alastair Buxton, David Onuoha, Caline Umutesi, David Broome, Gordon Hockey, Simon Dukes, Stephen Thomas, Sunil Kochhar, Has Modi, Sam Fisher, Garry Myers, Margaret MacRury, Adrian Price, Tricia Kennerley, Jas Heer, Fin McCaul, Peter Cattee, Janice Perkins and Anil Sharma

Item 1 – Welcome from Chair

1.1 The Chair sought nominations for the Vice-Chair of the subcommittee. Faisal Tuddy nominated Clare Kerr and Prakash Patel seconded her nomination. Clare Kerr was duly elected as the Vice-Chair of the subcommittee.

Item 2 – Apologies for absence

2.1 No apologies for absence were received.

Item 3 – Conflicts or declarations of interest

3.1 Clare Kerr noted that McKesson UK had responded to the request for information regarding distribution of COVID-19 treatments via distance selling pharmacies.

Item 4 – Minutes of the last meeting

4.1 The minutes of the subcommittee meeting held on 2nd July 2020 were approved.

Item 5 – Actions and Matters arising

5.1 None.

Item 6 – GP Community Pharmacist Consultation Service

6.1 Alastair Buxton provided a short summary of the proposal received from NHSE&I for rollout of the service and the Negotiating Team's initial response.

6.2 In discussions on the proposals, Committee members made a range of observations and points.

Item 7 – Public Health Campaign topics for 2020/21

7.1 The subcommittee considered the NHSE&I proposal set out in the agenda for two campaigns to be undertaken this year (the Help Us Help You flu vaccination campaign and the Help Us Help You Pharmacy/Winter Pressures campaign), with a caveat, that if something very significant

arose and campaign material was available, e.g. a campaign on COVID-19 vaccination, we would review the plan and potentially include another campaign topic.

7.2 There was a suggestion that data related to the campaigns be collected by contractors and for this to be submitted to NHSE&I, collated, and then published, so the impact could be measured and demonstrated. This is already agreed with NHSE&I and it will be enabled by changes to the regulations to require electronic submission of data on the campaigns, which will allow national collection of data, rather than the regional collection which happens now.

7.3 It was recommended that PSNC accept the NHSE&I proposal for the national campaign topics in 2020/21.

Item 8 – Re-defining the Support for Self-care Service

8.1 The subcommittee discussed the issue set out in the agenda and considered the approaches that could be taken to re-defining the Support for Self-care Service requirements.

Item 9 – Distribution of COVID-19 treatments in primary care

9.1 Alastair Buxton provided a summary of the discussions with DHSC on distribution of COVID-19 treatments in primary care.

9.3 The subcommittee considered whether the sector would wish to participate in the distribution of such treatments.

9.3 The subcommittee concluded that provision of the service would be possible for all community pharmacies.

9.4 It was recommended that PSNC continue discussions with DHSC on the development of a potential service for distribution of C-19 treatments and the pricing of that service.

Item 10 – NICE Quality Standard

10.1 The subcommittee considered whether it would be appropriate for PSNC to support the NICE Quality Standard.

10.2 It was believed that PSNC should be supportive of the Quality Standard, however the current funding available to contractors meant that service delivery in line with the standard was unlikely to be affordable.

10.4 Consequently, PSNC could be supportive of the Quality Standard in any communications issued, but we would not become formal supporters of it.

Item 11 – Any other business

11.1 Feedback was provided on some contractors' experiences with the 119 service. This was not a matter for PSNC to address, so contractors should be encouraged to raise any concerns directly with the 119 service.