

Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee

Legislation and Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee

Minutes of the Legislation and Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee meeting on 27 November 2019.

Members: Ian Cubbin (Chair), Stephen Thomas (Vice Chair), Janice Perkins, Jas Heer, Marc Donovan.

In attendance: Gordon Hockey, Peter Cattee, David Broome, Adrian Price, Tricia Kennerley, Has Modi, Mark Burdon, Mike Dent and Rob Thomas.

Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.

Conflicts of Interest: There were no additional conflicts of interest declared.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 4 September 2019 were approved and the actions discussed briefly.

Consolidations and prescription direction

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Dispensing/delivery models and hub and spoke dispensing between legal entities and DSPs –ongoing initial consideration

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Matters of Report

Brexit update

- 4.1 The subcommittee noted the report and that DHSC had issued the first 3 Serious Shortage Protocols. There was comment that when DHSC extend SSPs, it should revise the date on the formal SSP document.

Technology forum

- 5.1 The subcommittee noted the report of the Technology forum's first meeting.

Consultation on needs-based regulation in Wales

- 6.1 The subcommittee noted the report and the proposed needs-based market entry system for Wales.

Regulation of professionals including the pharmacy team

- 7.1 The subcommittee noted the report.

Government/NHS proposals for legislation – Supporting the NHS

- 8.1 The subcommittee noted the report.

Primary Care Support England update

8.1 The subcommittee noted the report.

Any other business

9.1 The subcommittee considered additional terms of service and regulatory changes proposed by DHSC (document tabled at the meeting) as follows:

- a) NHSmail shared mailboxes for every community pharmacy linked with personal NHS mail accounts for pharmacy staff – noted this was agreed as part of the 5-year deal;
- b) Access to the summary care record - noted this was agreed as part of the 5-year deal;
- c) Updating as necessary community pharmacy profiles for NHS 111 directory of services (DoS) - noted this was agreed as part of the 5-year deal;
- d) Keeping profile of NHS.UK up to date and evidence checking this quarterly - noted this was agreed as part of the 5-year deal;
- e) EPS to become mandatory - noted this was agreed as part of the 5-year deal;
- f) Safeguarding level 2 for all pharmacy professionals – discussed in SDS;
- g) All pharmacies to become HLPs – discussed in SDS and negotiations ongoing;
- h) Notification of a contractor going into administration to be included in the regulations – agreed in principle by the subcommittee;
- i) Contract management: access to a list of documents agreed with PSNC that contractors would be required to send to NHSE on request – data to be submitted electronically - agreed in principle by the subcommittee;
- j) Updated CPPQ – subcommittee considered that CPPQ is no longer necessary (noted that this is an approved particular, not within the regulations directly);
- k) Notice of commencement submitted by the contractor earlier than 14 days – agreed in principle subject to a contractor being able to change the exact date of opening nearer the proposed opening date;
- l) Data sharing on campaigns – requires further discussion, not agreed; and,
- m) MHRA CAS system notification of contractor e-mail address – should use shared contractor e-mails NHSE has already and not additional information such as mobile telephone number.