



Minutes of the Service Development Subcommittee meeting held at the Hard Days Night Hotel, Liverpool on 25th June 2025 commencing at 2pm

Present: Fin McCaul (Chair), Phil Day, Sami Hanna, Clare Kerr, Jay Patel, Prakash Patel

In attendance: David Broome, Sian Retallick, Stephen Thomas, Lindsey Fairbrother, Ifti Khan, Jas Heer, Anil Sharma, Tricia Kennerley, Ian Strachan, Adrian Price, Has Modi, Alastair Buxton, David Onuoha, Rosie Taylor, Gordon Hockey, Janet Morrison, Mike Dent, Shiné Brownsell, Gabriele Vickers, Katrina Worthington, Michael Digby

LPC members in attendance: Mubasher Ali, Adam Irvine, Dane Stratton Powell, Louise Gatley, Helen Murphy, James Glover

Item 1 – Welcome from Chair

1.1 The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

Item 2 – Apologies for absence

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Beran Patel and Faisal Tuddy.

Item 3 – Conflicts or declarations of interest

3.1 No new conflicts or declarations of interest were raised.

Item 4 – Minutes of the April meeting and matters arising

4.1 The minutes of the subcommittee meetings held on 30th April 2025 were approved.

Item 5 – Review of progress against the 2025/26 Workplan

5.1 The subcommittee was content with the progress made against the workplan for 2025/26.

Item 6 – Progress with CPCF 2025/26 service changes and PQS implementation

6.1 The subcommittee noted the progress with the CPCF 2024/25 and 2025/26 service changes and the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS).

6.2 Alastair Buxton highlighted several updates since publication of the SDS papers:

- With regards to the PQS, NHS England is planning to publish the clinical audit by the end of June; however, pharmacy owners cannot start the audit until 1st September.
- Work is ongoing with the various service specifications which need updating and further iterations of them have been worked through since publication of the SDS papers. We have also received the Smoking Cessation Service specification and work has started on reviewing that. Updating the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) specification has been the priority due to the IT changes that will be required before the changes to the service (inclusion of oral Emergency Contraception and drospirinone) can go live, which is planned for October 2025.
- As a result the updated service specification and Patient Group Directions for the PCS have been [published on the NHSBSA website](#) in **draft form**. In addition, the updated clinical pathways and PGDs for the Pharmacy First Service have also been [published on the NHSBSA website](#) in **draft form** (the final versions will be published on the NHS England website in due course and NHS England will advise when the changes to the service will go live). The drafts have been published to allow IT providers to review these to establish what IT changes they need to make to their systems. The draft versions can also be used by pharmacy teams to consider what updates need to be made to SOPs, etc. Communications are planned to make pharmacy owners aware of their publication.
- A discussion was held on whether the new clinical pathways and PGDs could start to be used without waiting for IT changes.

6.3 Fin asked for comments on the service specifications. The following points were made:

Hypertension Case-Finding Service

- A discussion was held on proposed updates to the service specification (Confidential item).

Pharmacy Contraception Service

- Clarification was sought on whether there were any additional training requirements for oral Emergency Contraception; Alastair confirmed there were no additional training requirements in the service specification and the requirement remains a self-assessment process. However, there is also the optional CPPE Emergency

Contraception learning which is part of the PQS.

- A question was raised as to why the service specification now stipulates that pharmacy owners must supply a minimum of six months' supply (except when initiating contraception, where a three-month supply is advised). Alastair advised that NHS England has expressed concerns over some pharmacy owners repeatedly offering three-months supplies to the same patients rather than following the advice in the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH) guidance of supplying up to 12-months' supply.

ACTION: If Committee members have further comments on the service specifications, please email these to services.team@cpe.org.uk by the end of the week.

Item 7 – Update on commissioning of vaccination services

Adult flu vaccination service

- 7.1 Alastair Buxton advised that the Vaccination Team had rejected our arguments for an increase in the flu vac fee, saying there was no room in the budget to allow this. The stasis on vaccination funding will be raised with the Minister at the next meeting with him.
- 7.2 A brief discussion was had on NHS England's proposed additions to the service specification (Confidential item).

Proposal for a childhood nasal flu vaccination service for 2–3-year-olds

- 7.3 The NHS England Vaccination Team has confirmed they have approval from Ministers to pilot pharmacies undertaking nasal flu vaccinations for 2–3-year-olds this autumn/winter. It will be a one-season pilot, followed by an evaluation. It will be commissioned as an Advanced service and they are proposing the fee will be the same as the current flu vac fee. The current flu vac IT systems would be used for clinical records and parents will be able to book via NBS.
- 7.4 A discussion was had on why the decision on childhood flu had been delayed before it was approved by Ministers (Confidential item).
- 7.5 Alastair highlighted that though there would be a relatively small patient volume, this service could be an important step towards pharmacies providing more NHS vaccinations. If the sector can demonstrate that we can increase coverage, then this strengthens our arguments

and those of NHS England's vaccination team.

- 7.6 A discussion was had on feedback from NHS England on the RSV early adopter areas (Confidential item).
- 7.7 Fin asked for comments on the Flu Vaccination Service spec and the nasal flu vaccination service for 2–3-year-olds this autumn/winter. The main point to note was the refusal of an increase in fee for the Flu Vaccination Service and the fee being the same for the nasal flu vaccination service.

It was recommended:

That the Committee agree to the introduction of the proposed new Advanced service, whilst raising concern about the proposed fee for the service.

Item 8 – Update on work to support locally commissioned services

- 8.1 Due to time constraints, Fin asked for feedback on the sexual health resources to be emailed to the Services Team by the end of the week.
- 8.2 A brief discussion was had on Integrated Neighbourhood Teams, noting the variability in approaches by ICBs in developing the concept across the country.
- 8.3 Alastair highlighted that we are [holding a webinar](#) next week (8–9pm Thursday 3rd July) on this topic which is open to all LPC staff and LPC Committee members. Committee members are also welcome to sign up to attend this.

This will be the first of a series of webinars/online meetings for LPCs which we will organise to help us all grapple with this new and important development within the NHS, including supporting sharing of information across the network of LPCs from those involved in the early adopters of INTs. The webinar will be recorded for anybody unable to attend.

ACTION: If Committee members have further comments on the above points, please email these to services.team@cpe.org.uk by the end of the week.

Item 9 – Implementation update: Pharmacy First and other clinical services

- 9.1 Alastair highlighted the Pharmacy First survey and asked Committee members to encourage pharmacy owners to use this. The Pharmacy First survey dashboard, which details the feedback received is available on the [Pharmacy First page](#) on the Community Pharmacy



England website under the drop down section 'Patient survey'.

9.2 Alastair also highlighted the [Lateral Flow Device service changes](#) and updated resources.

Item 10 – Miscellaneous matters of report

10.1 This was a matter of report.

Item 11 – Any other business

11.1 There was no other business.