

# SOMERSET LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the EXEC Meeting of the Somerset Local Pharmaceutical Committee held via ZOOM  
**Thursday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

**Members present:** James Nicholas (Chair), Arvinder Sagar (Vice Chair), Peter Whitaker (Governance).

**In Attendance:** Michael Lennox (Chief Officer), Yvonne Lamb (Engagement Officer), Mary Pennington (Admin officer).

Apologies: Shital Patel (Treasurer) Kyle Hepburn

Guest, Vas Alafodimos (Committee Member), Hypertension/AF session only.

Meeting Notes and Next Steps – documented by Officers.

## 1. **Welcome and Agenda** from James N (Chair)

## 2. **Declarations of Interest** – None Recorded

## 3. **Governance, Budget & Financial Matters.**

Minutes from full LPC Jan 2022 meeting reviewed by Exec Committee.

Minutes from December 2021 Executive Committee have been approved.

Finance

James and Mary gave a verbal update to Exec committee regarding the current financial position and the proposed Budget 2022/23 with Treasurer consent as on annual leave. Accounts remain in a healthy position at present. Core funds at £105k.

NHSEI CPCS funding has arrived of c£7k. To be allocated accordingly to include officer time for Michael & Yvonne. Will support continuation of project through to end of June, although will need to use some of 21/22 CCG funding.

Anne Cole will continue to support with the communications and workforce agendas.

Work time for Chair around workforce acknowledged and supported.

Clinical coach role discussed. Fivos Valagiannopoulos has had positive discussions about the role with Michael and next steps will include firming up the responsibilities, inputs and outcomes.

PCN Lead Coach – Peter Whitaker has developed proposals for evolving this role further, including activities and outputs. With Sally and Becky leaving the committee, Peter has expressed an interest in the role and the Executive fully supported this.

Full committee to review and approve proposed 22/23 budget for LPC upcoming meeting in March 2022, which will be updated following exec discussions.

PSNC – Community pharmacy funding and capacity report reviewed. James and Michael gave an RSG update.

## 4. **Hypertension and AF**

Michael and Yvonne updated Exec on work to standardise hypertension case finding reporting through PharmOutcomes. This should benefit contractors and practices, and work continues with Pinnacle on this. Vas joined the call to participate in a further discussion about an AF add-on to the hypertension case finding service. It was agreed that this could be explored further, on the basis of a simple addition of an AF check as part of the Blood Pressure measurement, rather than a more detailed AF assessment.

## 5. **Ops, services and people updates**

eRD: next wave signed up to roll out. Contractor engagement has been very good. Expect benefits to be seen after a 2–3-month delay.

GPCPCS: in Dec-Jan many systems saw a 33% decline, but Somerset only had 10% thanks to recent project work. Michael to share video to drive GPCPCS. We have trained 50 out of 64 practices, and of remainder there are plans to get them trained. Comms to support practices is part of weekly project work. New Quality scheme kicked in at start of February and Yvonne monitoring data to support and resolve issues at an early stage. Michael, Ed & DAMN will take the project forward – looking to build to 4k referrals a month.

PGDs: discussed how Somerset retains simplest process for professionals to be accredited to remove barriers to provision. A key part of local Quality scheme for GP CPCS. Yvonne to raise concerns if contractors not able to provide.

Closures, Somerset community pharmacies remain 99% open despite challenges. Continue to highlight awareness to contractors to communicate if they have any concerns, as actions have consequences.

People Update: significant efforts going into workforce activities, including development of cross-sector trainee pharmacist positions in Somerset for 23/24 training year. James updated exec on HEE IP funding opportunities.

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Next LPC Full Committee Meetings on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> May to be held face to face at Dillington House. Doodle poll will be circulating for options for the Exec meeting in August.

### **Full Committee meetings**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Dillington

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May Dillington

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July Virtual

### **Exec Meetings**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April Virtual

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June Virtual

### **Next Steps.**

1. PSNC Report- More funding, opting for National Contract for local pharmacies. Michael to investigate our asks.
2. Clinical Coach role – develop role aims, inputs and outcomes. Continue discussions with Fivos about the role.
3. GPCPCS Michael to share video.
4. AF service add-on options. Michael to develop ideas further.
5. Mary –  
Book Dillington for May.  
Doodle poll for Exec in August.  
Check Admin Officer yearly expenses for James and send – DONE.