

Community Pharmacy Cornwall Committee



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Minutes for meeting CPC LPC Wednesday 5th February 2025.

Confirmation of Committee Members:

CCA: Neil Crozier, Clare Ingram, Dan Turner, Neil Ham

IPA: Becky Emery

Independents: Ian Bloxham, Chris Naidu, Nabil Saudi

Officers: Nick Kaye, Drew Creek

Apologies: Rosie McDermott

Meeting Start 10:01

CI opened the meeting and welcomed Nabil Saudi as our new independent member on the committee. Introductions made to all.

Minutes

CI informed the committee that RMD was asked to clarify the IPA conflict of interest claim and we have as of date had no further communication with or from IPA, committee agreed that no further action is needed and to close this action off.

DT proposed IB seconded all members present voted in favour.

Officers Update

CEO – NK negotiations between CPE and DHSC have now started. Economic review of Pharmacy expected to be released in coming weeks currently it is in draft form and will be published. It is hoped this review will support negotiations moving forward as other economic reviews have for other sectors.

Overview of a recent commissioning review with ICB and the financial challenges they will be facing within CIOS ICB, LPC officers have worked hard to retain current budget envelope for Community Pharmacy.

Cancer pilot extended by 1 year because of the great work in Cornwall, particular thanks go to Johnnie Ashton Barnett for his work on the ground driving the service and teams confidence in referrals forward.

DC gave overview recent Public Health Executive Leadership team (PHELT) meeting we were invited to present at on all the public Health Plus work. The whole of PHELT were all very pleased and impressed with work on PH campaigns and outreach, particularly interested in the work which we have innovated around social media and online engagement with hard-to-reach populations.

WICS 3 years on press release went out and picked up by local media outlets and national pharmacy press.

Officers attended negotiating training at CPE in London recently which was extremely useful and also gave opportunity for DC to meet and engage with MPs for dinner in Parliament to lobby for pressure on treasury regarding CP national contract, MP for St Austell and Newquay remains extremely engaged as do others.

DC highlighted the risk of EHC falling over with only 15% of the current contractor makeup having signed up to the service contract which has been imposed by Cornwall Council. Officers working closely with the team at PH to support.

Smoking service age needs to be 18+, issues around contract similar to the EHC as process the same, unit calibration needs to be discussed for CO monitors often cheaper to replace.

Spring Pharmacy event is booked in for March 1st paid for by sponsorship and PH monies for recognition. Invites extended to CCA, NPA, CPE and IPA.

Discussion around reward recipients Lifetime achievement, PH champion, Services lead. Committee to take this away and get back to officers with decision.

Finance

A detailed discussion around this year's budget position **projected** to overspend £14500 vs a budgeted overspend of £4000. Some of that overspend is due to overbudgeting for VAT and interest. Committee felt a full review of all outgoings going forward was warranted and officers will take this away.

ICB update Marco Motta and Amanda Fidelis joined. MM confirmed ICB intention supported by LPC to decommission ESS and utilise the £146k for new PGDs instead as there is an NHS 111 ESS service that can be used online.

Still getting pressure from national team around Pharmacy First numbers as we appear to be one of the lowest. ICB patient facing comms not as strong and far reaching as they could be. Gateway criteria education and links with WICS need to be explored further.

Officers to include gateway criteria education and links with WICS at the March event

Engage LPC/LMC/ICB on GP referral over the coming months. Focus on self-referral walk in of 7 Pharm1st conditions over referral.

13:05 Sponsor Jennifer Hulbert of Besins Healthcare presented.

13:15 lunch`

Return 13:45 CN and BS left over lunch.

DC took the committee through the proposed budget for next year line by line with discussion. It was recognised that our contractor levy has been fixed for a decade whilst shouldering the significantly increased costs of staff, inflation and the most significant cost increase was the CPE levy which has doubled in the past few years to £44k.

Confidential session

NK and DC left the room at 14:20 and returned at 15:10.

AOB

DC/NK informed the committee of meeting with NPA and CPE about near point testing with the potential of pharmacy teams delivering in community.

Reminded committee about Pharmacy event on March 1st.

Next meeting

March TBC (virtual)

23rd April 2025

25th June 2025

17th September 2025

3rd December 2025

10th February 2026