**LPC Meeting – Wednesday 9th November 2016**

14a High Street, Staple Hill, Bristol, BS16 5HP

9am – 5pm

Present: Lisa Fisher, Richard Brown, Tanzil Ahmed, Jerry Long, David Tomlinson, Sadik Al-Hassan, Hilary Collyer, Anna White, Jenny Herdman, Stuart Moul.

Apologies –Alan Smith, Matthew Robinson, Chris Howland-Harris, Roger Herbert.

Declarations of Interest – None

CCA nomination for report – Tanzil has completed this.

Amendments to Training Log – None.

Review of October Minutes & Action Points.

Minutes agreed and will be posted on the website.

Contract applications.

Applications reviewed.

Treasurers report

Review of the accounts from the start of the year up to end of October, up to date accounts available on the shared drive.

Discussion around the levy fee and the implications of increasing this.

Credit cards have now been received.

Pharmacy Cuts

Avon LPC has put together a plan to deal with the announcements of the cuts, 4 workshops have been run, with another one being held tonight to make sure everyone knows the consequences of the cuts. Lisa and Jerry have telephoned over 100 independent contractors to invite them to the workshops and speak to them about their concerns.

Presentation “Understanding the Pharmacy Cuts” shown to the committee that has been shown to the contractors during the workshops. A lot of research was done to put this presentation together. Discussion around the cuts and the financial impact.

Lisa has spoken on the radio concerning the cuts.

Quality Payments scheme – Richard has put a questionnaire on PharmOutcomes for the contractors to see where they are.

Discussions around workshops Avon LPC could hold to help contractors, such as SCR and HLP.

Richard has put together a Clinical Effectiveness service on PharmOutcomes, to allow the pharmacy to send the information to the GP via email, this will be live from 1st December once Richard has liaised with the LMC to get communication out about it. The information this report generates helps the LPC to decide where assistance is needed.

Richard and Jerry are attending an Area Managers meeting next week to talk them through the system and ask how the multiples want the LPC to work with them regarding the cuts.

Discussion around maximising the services pharmacies already have available, such as MUR’s/NMS.

Change urgent repeat med services to have extra question about SCR usage.

Quality Payments Support Manager

A new role has been discussed, Quality Payments Support Manager. This role will support the pharmacies to deal with the cuts that are coming. When reviewing the MUR/NMS coach role it was felt this role would be best renamed as Quality Payments Support Manager. The MUR/NMS coach role has now reached the end of the 6 month timescale. This would still be 2 days a week, but would be an ongoing role.

A vote has been taken to decide if there should be a change of the MUR/NMS role profile to “Quality Payments Support Manager” QPSM, to start on 2 days. It was recognised that the role may require additional days and it was approved by the committee that the spend could be up to £35,000 without requiring additional full committee approval.

Proposed by Sadik Al-Hassan, seconded by Tanzil Ahmed, the vote was unanimous.

Jerry Long is happy with the change in his role.

Conference Review

Feedback from the delegates was fantastic!

Discussion on how well the conference went in general. The venue was fantastic and parking is good. We have booked Fry’s for the conference for next year.

Awards ceremony was a great addition to the conference and to be repeated.

The lighting on the stage could have been better and would be looked into more for next year.

An idea of having a video made of the conference next year was discussed to show to those who do not attend.

Richard will speak to Kathy about making a video of how pharmacy travel through the journey once the cuts are put in place.

We had 80 pharmacies represented, discussions around how we get more people to attend next year.

Day visits, discussion around whether we have done enough of these now. It was suggested that we should formally write a letter to each pharmacy that was visited to thank them. Discussion around doing these visits during the year rather than just during one day.

Both speakers were fantastic and feedback from the delegates was very good.

PSNC Annual Conference

Lisa & Richard attended the annual PSNC 2day conference last week and gave feedback to the committee.

Break Out Groups – Newsletter & Year-end of LPC Governance.

The committee broke out into 2 groups, the first to complete the newsletter and the second to review the governance and discuss 2017 training topics.

AOB

Review completed of the Flu figures for this year so far.