

Minutes of Meeting of East Sussex Local Pharmaceutical Committee

Date: Monday 20th May 2019 starting at 13:00
Location: Teleconference
Present: Paul Antenen, Treasurer, Julia Powell, Marie Hockley.
In attendance: James Wood, Chief Executive Officer, Sandra Lamont, Communications & Engagement Lead, Hinal Patel, Service Development Support Pharmacists, Micky Cassar Business Administrator.

1: Welcome & Introductions

This meeting has been arranged to discuss the SLA in relation to the proposed new contract for Supervision & Needle exchange in the East Sussex CC (Take home Naloxone Service, Needle Exchange Service & Supervised consumption).

2: Apologies for Absence

Craig McEwan, Chair, James Grieves, Stacie McLeod, Sarah Davis, Vice Chair, Ramiz Bahram.

The members were given an update. The service evaluation tool was used for the 3 sperate SLAs, (Take home Naloxone Service, Needle Exchange Service & Supervised consumption)

The members had initially discussed this at the May East Sussex LPC meeting. The following issues raised at this meeting were highlighted:

The length of the proposed contract. HP has worked on this and the final draft wording has been changed to allow for an annual contract review which will involve the LPC.

Sec 9 regarding locum pharmacist. It was highlighted how ES is a difficult area to recruit and may take time, the wording has been changed that the locum will follow guidance.

Sec 12.8 DBS check – ESCC overarching contract says yes all should be DBS checked however for this SLA this will be taken out.

Sec 13 covered audit requirement which has now been taken out, there will be no formal audit but there may be mystery shoppers.

Individual service spec updates:

Supervised consumption spec: missed doses work has been addressed and will be paid in East Sussex from now on. This will also be reported by PharmOutcome and the need for the 11:00 next day email has been taken out. The time requirement will no longer be in place; however, the final requirements still need to be reviewed by HP and the draft spec has only today been made available for review. Missed dose trends will be reviewed more rather than just on a day to day basis. The use of Espranor or Buprenorphine will depend on the prescribing.

Needle exchange spec: It was highlighted that all the patient needs should be available in one pack. Once all current stock is used up the new stock will have all the information etc needed in one pack and you will be able to order online, the fee will remain the same.

Naloxone SLA: Previously stated ten provisions annually however this was questioned as would not be financially viable and the new version therefore has no upper limit.

Out of date stock, the spec clearly stated they would not pay for out of date stock and this responsibility will remain with the pharmacy. The fee will be capped at £10.00.

It was discussed that the points where concerns had been raised have been reviewed and where possible rectified. The final draft spec will be reviewed today and disseminated. There is a CGL

organised event / training evening on the 22nd of May. There appears to be a lack of Lloyds staff attending this event. It was raised that as part of the negotiations we did highlight that this event was very short notice which may affect numbers. We have more experience now of working with CGL so in the future we should be better prepared.

3: Any Other Business

Nothing raised.

4: Future Meetings Dates & Venue

10th Jul 2019 Venue: The Sandman Signature Hotel, 18-23 Tinsley Lane South, Crawley, RH10 8XH, 9.30am – 4pm
Separate meeting of all LPCs followed by combined plenary session

17th September AGM Evening Event – Venue to be confirmed

3rd Oct 2019 Venue: The Ashdown Room, Barnsgate Manor, Heron Ghyll, Crowborough
All day meeting to commence at 9.00am

9th Jan 2020 Venue: The Ashdown Room, Barnsgate Manor, Heron Ghyll, Crowborough
All day meeting to commence at 9.00am

12th Mar 2020 Venue: The Ashdown Room, Barnsgate Manor, Heron Ghyll, Crowborough
All day meeting to commence at 9.00am

5: Close