

# South East Forum of Local Pharmaceutical Committees

## for Kent, Surrey, East and West Sussex

Secretariat c/o Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex

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## Agenda

### Meeting of the South East LPCs and Partners

**Date** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Time** 10:00am – 1:00pm

**Location:** Zoom Conference Call:

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**Circulation:** South East Forum Members (Chairs, CEOs and staff of East Sussex, West Sussex, Surrey, and Kent LPCs)

**In attendance:** Regular Guests from PSNC, NPA, CPPE, HEE, NHS England

Item Ref	Indicative Time	Purpose	Action	Paper Ref	Lead
1	10:00am	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Standing item		JP
2	10:05am	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Standing item		JP
3	10:05am	<b>Governance for SE Forum Members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members are asked to note the contents of the meeting guidance attached.</li> <li>Note the forum Terms of Reference</li> </ul>	Standing item	Attached	JP
4	10:10am	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes to be checked for accuracy, approved, and signed by the Chair</li> </ul>	Standing item		JP
5	10:15am	<b>Matters arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matters arising from the minutes, not already on the agenda to be reviewed</li> <li>Review of the actions and progress update against open actions</li> </ul>	Standing item / for report	0222-01	JP
6	10:20am	<b>Forum Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020-21 accounts MTD</li> <li>Terms of reference</li> <li>Update to bank mandate</li> </ul>	Standing item	0222-02	JP JP/all JP
7	10.30am	<b>NHS England Update</b> – Themba Mhlanga	For report		TM
8	10.55am	<b>HEE Update</b> – Atif Shamim	For report		AS
9	11:20am	<b>NPA Update</b> – Michael Lennox	For report		ML
10	11:30am	<b>CPPE Update</b> – Sarah Ridgway-Green/ Sally Greensmith	For report		SRG/ SG
11	11:45am	<b>PSNC Update</b> – Sunil Kochhar	For report		SK
12	11:55pm	<b>AHSN update</b> – Julia Powell	For report		JP
Break & guests can leave					
13	12.15pm	<b>LPC Discussions on regional matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSNC/LPC operations group &amp; arrangements in the South East</li> <li>Roll out of the GP CPCS in the South East</li> <li>Feedback from Christmas 2021 openings to inform future discussions with NHSE&amp;I for Easter opening</li> <li>Review of terms of reference</li> <li>Review of sponsorship documents</li> </ul>	For discussion	0222-03 0222-04 0222-05	JP JP All All All

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14	12:50pm	<b>Meeting Wrap Up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review Governance, format, content, suggestions for future forum topics and agenda</li> </ul>	Standing item		JP
15	12:55pm	<b>Future Meeting dates, format, and venue</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022 10:00-13:00 (Hosted by Surrey & Sussex) – Venue TBC 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 10:00-13:00 (Hosted by Kent) – Venue TBC	Standing item		

### Meeting Governance Guidelines

#### Competition Law

The South East Forum of LPCs brings together a number of parties, some of whom are competitors. This can give rise to competition law concerns should any commercially sensitive information be disclosed or discussed at any meeting.

To avoid any competition law concerns, all participants at any meeting (whether it be a formal Forum meeting or more informal occasion) should take care in any discussions with other participants who are or who may become competitors. The guidelines below provide a framework for such discussions and, where appropriate (for instance the use of an agenda or minutes would not be appropriate during an informal social gathering), should be adhered to at all times.

#### Objectives of the meeting

A clearly listed agenda should be prepared before the meeting identifying the topics for discussion - the agenda should be used to provide the framework for the discussion and the meeting should not stray beyond those items listed to be discussed.

Topics for discussion should be limited to the activities and responsibilities of the LPC, as well as general industry matters. Examples of LPC activities and responsibilities and general industry matters would include the detailed functions and roles of the LPC including (but not limited to):

- liaising with National Health Service bodies and local authorities on behalf of chemists;
- the negotiation, as representative of the chemists, with NHS and local authority bodies on the conditions of service and remuneration for the provision of locally commissioned services;
- Responding to control of entry applications;
- the provision of an advisory service to chemists on local NHS matters.
- Current or proposed legislation or regulation - for example:
  - Liaising with PSNC on defects in existing legislation/regulation and difficulties faced by the sector in complying with such legislation/regulation;
  - responses to local and national consultations;
  - impact of current or proposed legislation/regulation (without disclosing any commercial information relevant to a member);
- General developments or trends in the sector;
- Collection or review of chemist data (but any data that contains commercially sensitive information should be historic, generalised and made anonymous prior to being disclosed to other members);

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- Educational or training events for members;

### Conducting the meeting

Minutes should be made recording all discussions during the meeting. If a member wishes to clarify (for competition law compliance purposes) whether he/she can or cannot discuss a particular topic, or if any member has any doubts about an issue it would like to raise for discussion, this should be raised with the Chairman of the meeting outside of the meeting prior to the issue being raised. If any of the issues listed in the section below are raised, the discussion should be terminated immediately.

### Discussions during the meeting

Where members (at the meeting) include actual or potential competitors, they should not discuss their own or their competitors' commercial strategy or any matter which would be considered commercially sensitive. Subjects to avoid are:

- Individual commercial policies of those companies present - this includes historical, current or future policy where it is not in the public domain and participants should not question other participants about such policy;
- Any commercial difficulties faced by the participants other than in very general terms - for example, members may express their general concern at rising costs or overheads but should not disclose the impact of those costs on their profit margins or other financial figures;
- Any proposal discussing any coordinated commercial conduct between participants (for instance relating to pricing, distribution or arrangements with customers);
- Any request made by one participant (or discussion) asking other members to stop any particular commercial conduct or relationships;
- The sharing of commercially sensitive information (verbally and in writing) – including (but is not limited to);
- Pricing terms;
- Current terms and conditions of supply trade;
- Details of the commercial arrangements with customers or suppliers;
- Sales information;
- Making any allegation as to the commercial conduct of others.
- To the extent that any information is shared between participants, such information should be general, non-specific and where appropriate, should be historical and made anonymous to ensure that the information is not commercially sensitive and cannot be attributed to any participants.

### Outcomes of the meeting

Minutes of the meeting should be prepared and circulated to attendees. However, remember that any decision or recommendation made at the South East Forum of LPCs & Partners meeting, however informal, can be subject to competition law and could constitute a potentially anti-competitive agreement and thus the minutes should be carefully reviewed prior to circulation.