



<b>Date Time</b>	Monday Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> . 2020 19.30-21.00	<b>Chair</b>	Dan Attry (Mob: 07973 632548) (dudleypc@gmail.com/chair@dudleypc.org)
<b>Venue</b>	Zoom online meeting	<b>Chief Officer</b>	Stephen Noble (Mob: 07856 309573) (ceo@dudleypc.org)
<b>Present</b>	Stephen Noble (SN) Michelle Dyoss (MD) Thomas Thomik (TT)	Aman Grewal (AG) Nick Holden (NH) Amjid Iqbal (AI) Abul Kashem (AK)	Sabrina Kaur (SK) Scot Taylor (ST) Vijay Lad (VL) Sheila Cleary (SC)

	Details	Actions
<b>Open &amp; Closed section</b>	<p><b>1. Welcome, apologies and Declarations of interest (MD)</b> - apologies were received from Mo Kolia. There were no Dol's. DA absent so MD in the chair</p> <p><b>2. Covid-19 testing sites (SC)</b> - two new testing sites, Lye in Jackson St. car park, and one in Dudley Flood St. car park. Free as supplied by DoH- 300 tests each per day. Flood St. to be fully open Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. 8am-8pm. 200 tests bookable online, and 100 walk-in. Being promoted through local community leaders, with a three-month stay likely to be extended by another three months. Lye site starting fully on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lye low for testing, so better access for BAME groups and non-car users. Dudley site situated where infection rate is higher, low car ownership and deprived. Community Covid nurse team ready for outbreaks in schools, factories etc. and for housebound/cannot get testing/no e-mail. PH would like to know of anyone requiring testing. Mobile site in Engine Lane, Brierley Hill can do 350 tests per day. Will mean more testing in line with neighbouring areas. MD asked how long the tests can carry on for. SC said that they will be in place for at least three months, testing swabs to go off to Heartlands Hospital. Community team swabs also will go to Heartlands. RHH will only test if there's an outbreak. VL asked whether testing would be seven days a week, and how patients would access. SC said patients would need to go through NHS portal, and service would run 7-days each week. Site results would be ready the next day and throughout the weekend. Red centre at High Oak surgery now has swabs and can do 200 per week. AI asked if people outside the Dudley area can access the sites, and SC said that the testing can be accessed by anyone and anywhere. SN asked if any other support can be given. SC said a big comms campaign for putting up posters in pharmacies was underway and supplying tests through pharmacies may still happen.</p> <p><b>3. CPDO update (MD)</b> - has looked at minor ailments service, comparing March to August 2020. Increase in under 16's accessing the service for coughs and colds, but a decrease in over 16's for those conditions. Adults were accessing allergy, constipation, and indigestion remedies. 'Flu vaccinations for DMBC staff were running at 238, better than last year. Council were being updated weekly on numbers and access to supplies. Chief</p>	<p>SN to publicise new testing sites in newsletter, and to send out hypertension pilot details and invite to the committee</p>



*Executive was vaccinated at Priory Pharmacy. Dudley CCG asked for details on possibly vaccinating their staff, but no more has been heard. Report on Covid being written and will be shared once ready. PH asked for contracts to be chased, and now all contracts are back. PH has a licence for Articulate and having training on that. Falls training likely to be the first package online, with a certificate on completion. VL asked on sexual health training, with pre-reg's needing to be trained for EHC. MD said the three CPPE packages needed to be completed first, then she was going through the presentation over the 'phone.*

#### **4. Chief Officer update (SN)**

*- Anjum Raza had resigned from the committee, and SN had contacted the CCA to ask for a replacement not to be appointed as the committee makeup was unbalanced. No more details on him taking on Murrays Kingswinford. Had heard it had just gone through. Good online meeting for 'flu at DMBC. SN mentioned Hitesh Patel from the CCG, and his support for community pharmacy using electronic methods of notifying surgeries of 'flu vaccination. Many surgeries complaining that they were being inundated with paper. He was looking into this. VL had sent details of his contacts with other PCN contractors and wanting a vaccine stock form to send 'round. SN had put a form together for him and was willing to share with other PCN leads. Joint statement with CCG put out for World Pharmacist Day. NHS.net mail addresses updated in ProtonMail and MailChimp. Contractors grouped into PCN pharmacies. Old addresses still in use, but new ones easier to work out. Many responses on EoI for Bank Holidays, but don't cover all PCN areas. September's AGM now available to view on Dudley LPC's website, and link sent out. Dudley Netherton PCN picked to take part in an NHSE&I hypertension pilot, including ambulatory testing. Only two pharmacies signed up at that time, but details resent to invite people to a launch event on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. More support needed for Survive:Revive:Thrive webinars from Liam Stapleton- support for pharmacists on how they are feeling, services and PQS. Event is being sponsored by Chiesi (drug company), but little take-up for any of the three events. Local LPC's looking at training for PQS separately, from Liam or CHS. PCN lead training being looked at. VL asked about other PCN leads and how active they are. SN said that he hadn't had any information from other PCN's, and they are not as active as Brierley Hill. VL said that 'flu was the hot topic, with GP's not likely to meet targets. Pharmacy was there to help and work with them. SN asked how this should be proceeded. VL suggested a vaccine template to be sent out to PCN leads. This would highlight surplus vaccines. AI thought communication with the Clinical Directors on 'flu vaccinations to highlight co-operation would be valuable. TT said that a report from Kent did highlight co-operative working between GP's and pharmacy, helping targets to be reached. SN said there might be two Covid vaccines by Christmas. Much planning*

*Decision on how to proceed with Bank Holiday EoI's*

*SN to send details out of DN PCN pilot to committee*

*SN to send out a vaccine template to PCN leads*



was going on, and community pharmacy should be ready. MD mentioned the vaccination strategic planning meeting being held.

**5. Committee meetings-**

**a. Prescribing sub-committee (VL)**

- on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Overspend of 6.5% due to Covid. Priadel due to be discontinued. Methotrexate 10mg tabs should be discouraged. VL thanked ST for information regarding GP surgeries remaining shut during the pandemic. He mentioned that he had tactfully put these points forward at the meeting, but they were rejected by one GP who said his practice had been open the whole time. VL thought that surgeries were not giving pharmacy staff the attention that they needed. POD was mentioned in the meeting and how it might develop in the future. Turbu Plus device for asthma, attached to Turbohaler, discussed but not approved. Next meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. via MS Teams. TT said that decommissioning the POD would mean more paper-handling which was something not needed in current circumstances. MD asked if a paper on the POD was to be shared, but VL thought it was early days.

**6. Minutes of last meeting (MD)**

- the minutes were discussed and passed.

**7. Action points arising and discussion (MD)**

- points were tackled with some moving forward to the November meeting

**8. Contract application sub-committee report (SN)**

- there were no new contract applications

**9. Finance, accounts, and budgeting (TT)**

- £87,196.02 was in the bank account to date. PSNC levy payment had just been made. TT planning to complete the first half-year accounts to compare this year with last. VL asked about how we could be using the funds to support pharmacies. TT said savings were being made due to having virtual meetings, and the balance was likely to go up.

**10. AOB**

- SN gave some details on hypertension pilot fees and operations.

**11. Details of next meeting**

- next meeting was planned for Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>. '20, 7.30pm

Signed  
by the  
Chair

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