# SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE

**2018/19 The Year in Summary**

**Healthcare landscape**

Welcome to your copy of the Shropshire LPC 2018/19 Annual Report. I would once again like to place on record my thanks to all those members who have served on the LPC during the last 12 months, particularly Secretary Lindsey Fairbrother and Treasurer Jane Davies.

The year has again been very challenging and the work of the LPC has been to try to support contractors through this difficult time. We have continued to meet and maintain relationships with service commissioners Public Health, Help2change, Shropshire CCG, Telford & Wrekin CCG, NHSE North Midlands and other key stakeholders to try to influence and promote the value of community pharmacy and to ensure a high profile in the local community.

We have continued to work with NHSE North Midlands particularly Andy Pickard as the Professional Pharmacy Lead and Mani Hussain Chair of the Local Professional Network. Work also continues alongside our neighbouring LPCs South Staffs, North Staffs and Stoke.

Whilst the Pharmacy First Common Ailments was decommissioned with effect from 1st September 2018, Pharmacy First Emergency Supply, UTI, Impetigo and roll out of ENT eye & skin continue to be commissioned.

You will recall that the LPC itself successfully bid for an education grant from Pfizer, and together with support from Shropshire Council Public Health and the West Midlands Health Academic Network, launched the atrial fibrillation screening service pilot to be conducted on over 65 year olds. Two training sessions were held, Alive Cor and Galaxy Tablets were issued and nineteen pharmacies have signed up to provide the service.

The LPC entered into a strategic partnership with Help2Change. Help2change agreed to fund a strategic partnership with to strengthen community capacity in support of Shropshire’s Healthy Lives programme for Enhancing Osteoarthritis Care which had been previously piloted Shropshire. Working with Help2change and Keele University Joint Pain in Pharmacy (JPiP) was further developed and is currently commissioned from Healthy Living Pharmacies in Shropshire who have completed the Keele University on line training and meet the requirements to deliver the pilot service.

Pharmacies in Telford & Wrekin continue to deliver smoking cessation, emergency contraception, supervised consumption, needle exchange but the help2quit and help2slim was decommissioned in Shropshire.

We now need to work with the newly formed Primary Care Networks (PCN) that are part of the NHS Long Term Plan. The plan identified a requirement for all GP Practices to be part of a PCN. Each PCN would consist of groups of GP Practice’s working with a range of local health providers to offer a more personalised, coordinated health and social care for their local populations. There have been a total of eight PCNs agreed four in Telford & Wrekin and four in Shropshire.

Shropshire

* North Shropshire
* Shrewsbury
* South East Shropshire
* South West Shropshire

Telford & Wrekin

* South East Telford
* Newport
* Central Telford
* Teldoc

As part of our on-going programme of training, the LPC has invested in an on-line training solution for all pharmacies. The courses are designed to support the NHS Public Health Campaigns and Healthy Living Pharmacy Champions and team to ensure the best outcomes for Patients. The training is provided by Virtual Outcomes and is a monthly on-line training course that can be accessed at any time. The courses are free to all contractors and their teams. On the 1st of each month a new course will become available and can be accessed at work or at home via a PC, tablet or mobile device. All your team needs to access the training is your F Code and they will be able to see the courses available.

Lynne Deavin

LPC Chair & Service Development Officer

Control of Entry

It continues to be a quiet year with no new openings and, in the main only changes of ownership as pharmacies consolidate. However, it is sad to note that we have had 2 closures in Shropshire, with viability cited as the reason. We hope those communities served by these pharmacies will be cared for well by other pharmacies remaining in the area.

There has been one new contract application which necessitated a rurality review of Baschurch, North Shropshire The rurality status remained as a reserved location in a controlled area which preserves the existing dispensing practice's rights. However, with no pharmaceutical services for 7 miles, the applicant is appealing as a new pharmacy could provide benefits to the community.

Several pharmacies have applied to reduce their hours, reflecting viability concerns. The LPC involved PSNC in one decision, since above core hours can only be dictated if NHS England have issued a Direction. The LPC have reminded NHSE of their responsibility in such contracts.

Shropshire LPC remain an active member of PSNC's Rurality Working Group. Recent teleconferences have discussed concerns over viability and loss of services to rural areas as well as poor digital infrastructure which disadvantages patients and pharmacy providers.

Lindsey Fairbrother, Secretary & Regulatory Affairs, Shropshire LPC.

**Finance**

During the 2018/9 financial year the contractors paid £69,099 in levies to Shropshire LPC. This is slightly more than 2017/8 as we had a 3 month levy holiday, but still lower than than expected.

£24,476 of the years levy had to be paid to the PSNC. This levy has been kept at this rate for the last couple of years, but we have been warned to expect a significant increase in the next financial year.

We aim to use the balance to the best benefit of the contractors.

Many of the costs are fixed, accountancy, website hosting, insurance and Corporation Tax.

Variable costs are the costs of our meetings and those with important Stakeholders as well as training events for the Contractors.

Funds secured from meeting with Pfizer and Help2Change have been used to obtain equipment and training for interested contractors in the AF Screening and Joint Pain in Pharmacy Services.

This has resulted in over £3500 extra income for those contactors last year. Since March many more contractors have been trained and are now receiving consultation fees.

We finished the 2019 year with a surplus of £92.

The 2020 budget has had to balance flat income against increased PSNC fees and the expenses incurred by meeting with the new PCNs.

We are constantly reviewing our expenditure and strive to get a good return on the contractor’s investment in the committee.

Jane Davies. Treasurer. Shropshire LPC