

LPC Conference 11th March 2009

Conference resolutions and outcomes

R1 Kent LPC

This LPC calls on conference to support the development of a national template and guidance for community pharmacy's role in the primary care response to influenza pandemic. The increasing inclusion of community pharmacy in the provision of antiviral medicines to the public requires there to be a uniform structure and nationally agreed payments.

Resolution carried

R2 Sheffield LPC

This conference calls upon PSNC to represent contractors interests in negotiations with the Department of Health to secure adequate remuneration for the use of pharmacy premises as anti-viral collection points in the event of a pandemic influenza outbreak.

Resolution carried

R3 Withdrawn

R4 Hampshire and Isle of Wight LPC

This conference continues to have no confidence in the Prescription Pricing Division of the NHS Business Services Authority and their ability to perform to acceptable standards their core function of pricing contractors' prescriptions or other duties. PSNC should increase pressure on the NHSBSA to ensure that the ongoing problems are resolved immediately and that no contractors suffer financially as a consequence of PPD's failings.

Resolution carried

R5 Hertfordshire LPC

Capacity Improvement Programme about which the PPD failed to consult contractors; this conference has no confidence in the PPD or its systems with respect to the accurate and timely pricing of prescriptions. Hertfordshire LPC proposes that a national consultation take place to inform the future development of the programme, to ensure that detailed information regarding the payments made to contractors enables them to check that they are correctly remunerated in a timely manner.

Resolution carried

R6 Surrey LPC

This conference calls for increased transparency from the PPD in the form of an IT web-based framework to provide greater information to individual contractors on items submitted for payment.

Resolution carried

R7 Wirral LPC

Wirral LPC calls upon this conference to insist that PSNC should seek agreement with the Department on Health that the NHS Prescription Services should return ALL switched scripts to contractors for analysis, correction and resubmission for payment.

Resolution carried

R8 Hertfordshire LPC

In order to ensure maximum access to vascular risk assessment checks, under the Government's Vascular Risk Assessment and Management Programme, it is proposed that these checks are commissioned nationally, as part of the community pharmacy contractual framework, in the form of an Advanced or directed enhanced service.

Resolution carried

R9 South Cheshire LPC

In the interests of patients we urge the Department of Health to develop a range of community pharmacy based DESs.

Resolution carried

R10 Sefton LPC

This conference proposes that Pharmacy contractors' should have access to the NHS superannuation scheme as do medical and dental contractors.

This resolution was not put to the vote. It was agreed that PSNC prepare a paper for LPCs to consider.

R11 Kingston Richmond and Twickenham LPC

The Kingston, Richmond & Twickenham LPC urges the PSNC to commence negotiations with the DH to produce a compensation formula and compensation packages for those pharmacies directly effected and or forced to close by PCT planned polyclinic / GP led Health Centre actions.

Resolution carried

R12 Swindon and Wiltshire LPC

This conference urges PSNC to press the DH for a speedy announcement on the future of 100 hour exemptions in the light of the strength of feeling and consensus expressed in the White Paper Consultation.

Resolution carried

R13 Wirral LPC

Wirral LPC calls upon this conference to ask that PSNC seeks agreement with the Department of Health that there should be a moratorium on 100hour contracts until the Pharmacy Needs Assessments are completed.

Resolution carried

R14 Shropshire LPC

This conference calls on the Department of Health to recognise the concerns of contractors on the changes in terms for supply of medicines imposed by many pharmaceutical manufacturers, and their effect on the wholesale market and on the purchase profit income available to independent and multiple pharmacies.

Resolution carried

R15 Swindon and Wiltshire LPC

This conference moves that financial compensation must be available to contractors where products are unavailable due to supply chain mismanagement, including quotas

Resolution carried

R16 South Cheshire LPC

This conference urges the Department of Health to follow the example of Wales and remove all prescription charges.

Resolution carried

R17 Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LPC

This Conference urges PSNC to use it's best endeavours to ensure that PCTs rapidly move to meet the Government's target to pay suppliers, including small businesses such as pharmacies, as soon as possible and within 10 days.

Resolution carried

R18 Buckinghamshire LPC

This Conference urges PSNC to take any appropriate action agreed by the Conference to highlight and prevent the use of in-house community pharmacy located in a new build primary care facility as a cash-cow, though demands for premiums and high rentals.

Such repeated actions by PCTs and developers abuse pharmacy contractors and reduce investment and quality of services that can be provided to benefit the public.

Resolution carried