



Committee Meeting

Thursday 19th March 2026

Brewery Tap, Blandford Forum

In attendance: Mike Hewitson (MH), Richard Brown (RB), Steve Costello (SC), Ellen Wood (EW), Roger Mitchell (RM), Jade Robinson (JR), Mandy West (MW), Keith Ndlovu (KN), Vas Alafodimos (VA), Gaby Nagy (GN), Juliana Bridle (JBR), Heidi Cole (HC)

Fiona Arnold (FA)

9.15am Chairman welcomed all.

Minutes from previous meeting

- Agreed unanimously.
- No matter arising.
- All actions were completed.

The committee reviewed and updated the CCA questions for the quarter. Noted by VA.

TAPR Review 2026

The committee reviewed and completed the actions.

Finance Update

The treasurer provided a detailed update on the current accounts. RgM presented the draft budget for 2026/2027 to the committee.

- The CPE levy will decrease by 4.5% this year.
- The renewal of Virtual Outcomes will be reviewed at the next committee meeting in May.
- A small deficit is anticipated; budget-related questions will be addressed after the strategy has been discussed.

Action:

1. Add virtual outcomes review to May meeting agenda - JBR
2. Share Virtual Outcomes usage stats with the committee – **COMPLETED JBR**

Fi Arnold – NHS Dorset - arrived at 9.45am

Points of discussion:

- Inclisiran Pathway
- Prescribing improvement in neighbourhood health scheme
- Targeting inequality through innovation funding projects
- Clinical services
 - UTC / ED test referrals
 - Link with GP contract – discussion at Primary Care Delivery Group - MH or RB to attend primary care group meetings. Meetings have clashed in the past with CPD meetings. To review.
 - CP PCN Lead program

MH discussed the potential future of IP Pathfinder, noting that a national restructuring is possible but not yet confirmed. Work is underway on governance frameworks, and the aim is to keep the initiative included in forward plans.

10.30 Coffee Break

10.45 Presentation – Ruth Willis Daiichi Sankyo

11.05 Finance update continued with further discussion on the budget review.

- Website domain renewal was discussed and unanimously agreed to renew with a £120 one off payment plus an additional £5 monthly payment.

11.20am Strategy 2026-2027

Data-sharing agreements have enabled greater visibility of contractor data. Operational team visits have continued to prioritise supporting pharmacies that are not yet meeting gateway thresholds.

The committee reviewed the 2024–2025 strategy, and key points were updated to indicate the direction for 2026–2027, making initial amendments, with the final strategy to be agreed at the May meeting.

The 2026/2027 strategy will follow the principles of the 24/25 strategy: increasing revenue for contractors, reducing costs, strengthening the workforce in Dorset, and improving pharmacy communication.

Following discussion, no financial implications were identified that would impact the budget from a strategic perspective.

2.25pm Self-evaluation documents

The committee reviewed the finance checklist and the LPC self-assessment, making updates throughout the process.

Finance checklist 2.2.1 Do Committee Members (Finance Audit Subcommittee) carry out an annual review of the internal financial controls?

ACTION: Annual review of internal financial controls - To add as an annual agenda item – JBr

Circulate the documents to the committee for comments, if they have any further observations– **RB completed 19.03.2026**

Self-assessment review

- Committee members' declarations of interest – introduce an annual review process to ensure information is checked and updated on the website.
- Policies sign-off – JBr and RB to meet and discuss the policy review process.
- Document sharing – RB to circulate the relevant documents to the committee.

AOB

RB & JB have a meeting with public health Dorset next week to discuss a review of the supervised consumption service in key localities.

Meeting finished at 3.30pm

Actions:

1. Add virtual outcomes review to the May meeting agenda – JBr
2. Share virtual outcomes usage statistics with the committee – JBr - Completed 19.03.2026)
3. Review internal financial controls – Add to the annual agenda – JBr
4. Recheck declarations of interest – Schedule an annual update and ensure website is updated – JBr
5. Policies sign-off – JBr and RB to discuss the policy review process
6. New members' pack – Review and update – JBr & RB
7. Share self-assessment document with the committee – RB - completed 19.03.2026