

The Medicine Optimisation and Pharmacy Procurement Team

Directors

Chief Pharmacist & Clinical Director – Jas Khambh

Jas is an experienced pharmacist who has worked in the NHS for over 20 years as a pharmacist and a senior manager. She has been leading the NHS LPP Medicine Optimisation and Pharmacy Procurement team since 2019. Throughout her career, Jas has led on various initiatives and programmes of work across London to help deliver the objectives of the strategic Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) programme and other medicines optimisation initiatives. More recently, Jas has worked at NHS England as the National Pharmacy Adviser for NHS RightCare, focusing on the national initiatives for medicines optimisation. [Jas.Khambh@lpp.nhs.uk]



Associate Director & Regional Pharmacy Procurement Specialist – Jackie Eastwood

Jackie is an experienced hospital pharmacist with a background in technical services, nutrition, colorectal medicine and surgical specialities. She has worked in these specialities for 19 years, apart from a 4 months break when working in Australia. In 2016, she joined NHS LPP MOPP team on secondment as the regional outsourced medicines supply lead, which includes homecare. In 2018, Jackie was promoted to Associate Director, where she is now responsible for; reporting on the procurement of medicines by secondary care providers via Commercial Medicines Unit (CMU) and NHS LPP, implementation of contracts, and supporting the use of best value medicines. [Jacqueline.Eastwood@lpp.nhs.uk]



Assistant Director for Medicines Optimisation – Vicky Chaplin

Vicky is a pharmacist with broad experience across various sectors, including primary care, secondary care and community pharmacy. Vicky is also a National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Medicines and Prescribing Associate and has an MSc in Economic Evaluation in Healthcare. Part of her role at NHS LPP involves considering how best to represent the savings made for NHS LPP stakeholders. Vicky recently returned to NHS LPP after completing the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer's Clinical Fellowship at NHS Digital. At NHS LPP, she continues to focus on digital - in particular, the evaluation of digital health tools and data-driven care. A key focus of her regional work is her clinical area of expertise – diabetes – and she is currently completing her independent prescribing, focusing on type 2 diabetes. [Victoria.Chaplin@lpp.nhs.uk]



Members of the team

Principal Pharmacist for Medicines Optimisation – Matthew Harrison

Matt joined the MOPP team in the summer of 2019. Matt is by background a secondary and tertiary care clinical pharmacist and spent the last 3 years as site lead for Pharmacy at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton. Matt leads several projects within NHS LPP at an operational level and also within the MOPP team at departmental level. He works closely with the procurement team and helps deliver data analysis on high-cost drugs in particular whilst also highlighting missed opportunities. One of Matt's main projects is the inhaler portal RightBreathe with a focus on redevelopment of the product. Matt recently started an MA in Business & Management. [Matthew.Harrison@lpp.nhs.uk]



Regional Pharmacy Procurement Operational Lead – Tracy McMillan

Tracy has worked in NHS secondary care pharmacy for more than 25 years; the last 14 years in pharmacy procurement and homecare in acute trusts at general hospitals and large teaching hospitals, including UCLH. Earlier in her career, she spent a short time in the pharmaceutical industry which included formulation and large scale batch manufacturing. Her role at NHS LPP brings a wealth of experience at an operational level, which helps inform regional and national initiatives. She is a committee member of the Procurement & Distribution Interest Group and sits on the Pharmaceutical Markets Support Generics Sub-group. Tracy is responsible for writing several tenders and is currently developing the new medical gas cylinder framework. [Tracy.McMillan@lpp.nhs.uk]



Part-time members of the team

Allied Health Professional Lead – Rebecca Fisher

Rebecca is NHS LPP's leading Allied Health Professional (AHP) focusing on both prescribing and procurement. Rebecca splits her time at NHS LPP and the Royal Free Hospital where she the Lead Paediatric Dietitian. Her work at NHS LPP centres on sharing the principles of medicine value, and consulting on how they apply to AHP practice and products. AHP prescribing roles are developing rapidly, along with access in primary care increasing-making it an exciting time to be supporting this group of healthcare professional. [Rebecca.Fisher@lpp.nhs.uk]



Cancer Lead Pharmacist – Pauline McCalla

Pauline is an experienced hospital pharmacist with a background in oncology and technical services. With 20 years' experience, including 5 as a Cancer Network Pharmacist. When the cancer networks were dissolved, she joined the MOPP team as cancer lead pharmacist, a new role to identify and monitor cost savings in cancer medicines. This role is unique in reporting on cost avoidance for Patient Access Schemes at trust level across a whole region and now includes monthly reporting on the uptake of biosimilars. [Pauline.McCalla@lpp.nhs.uk]



Members of the team with us on fellowship schemes

Chief Pharmaceutical Officer's Clinical Fellow – Annett Blochberger

After graduating from University in Germany, Annett spent several years gaining experience in various South London hospitals rotating through a range of specialties before specialising in neurosciences for 4 years at St George's Hospital. Intermittently, she spent time in community settings (care home & community ward) before becoming a commissioning pharmacist at NEL Commissioning Support Unit (CSU), working for 5 years at the interface of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and acute trusts. At present, she is spending a year at NHS LPP as one of the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer's Clinical Fellows, gaining insight into wider healthcare systems. She is also a NICE Medicines and Prescribing Associate which provides valuable links across organisations. [Annett.Blochberger@lpp.nhs.uk]



Specialist and consultancy staff

The NHS NHS LPP MOPP team has access to a number of specialist and consultancy staff: Zarah Perry-Woodford (Consultant Stoma Nurse), Tim Root (Pharmacy Consultant) and Azhar Saleem (GP Specialist).

