

# DERBYSHIRE LPC MEETING REPORT

## LPC Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013

The committee met all day. There were both closed and open sessions; the open session was with guests from NHS England (Area Team) and HealthWatch Derby, which has recently been launched.

## LPC Officers' Activities

Once again, LPC officers have been busy engaging with commissioners and stakeholders on behalf of contractors. Face-to-face meetings have taken place with the following: NHS England commissioner for prisons; the local manager of Addiction Dependency Solutions, who have recently been commissioned to address addiction to prescribed medication (particularly opiates and benzodiazepines); Derby city public health commissioners and procurement officers; HealthWatch board members in both County and City; NHS England area medical director and accountable pharmacist. In addition to this, officers have engaged with the Local Professional Network (LPN), the LMC and PSNC (most recently at the national LPC conference). We also meet frequently with our 'opposite' officers in Nottingham LPC.

## Pharmacy Services in Derby

Contractors in Derby will be aware that termination notices have been issued with regard to the current Pharmacy and GP LESs in Derby. The ring-fenced public health budget has been cut and the number of services available has been reduced from eleven to five, in order to assist the council in balancing its budget. The LPC has expressed concern at the reduction in ease of access to services for the people of Derby – especially Stop Smoking services and EHC (it is proposed that, in future, this service will be available only to people under 18 years of age).

## NHS England LES Review

Some Pharmacy LESs remain in the NHS (for example, INR, Palliative Care, MAR Charts, Gluten Free Foods, Services to Care Homes) and the review of these has now been undertaken. Recommendations are currently being considered by the Area Primary Care Panel and NHS England local area executives will decide on the next steps. Notices of termination will be required by 31<sup>st</sup> December for any NHS LESs which cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Special consideration will be given to the INR service to ensure service continuity.

## Stop Smoking Services in Derbyshire County

We had been advised that the current service review would be completed by the end of November, but at the time of writing, the LPC has not had sight of it. However, we have received an indication informally that an integrated lifestyle service is being considered for the future and that the LPC will be consulted.

## Domiciliary Respiratory Service Pilot (commissioned by Southern Derbyshire CCG)

To date, engagement with this innovative and worthwhile service has been disappointingly low, despite the fact that 35 pharmacists signed up to provide it. We are eager to understand the reasons why this is – particularly as the service is well funded. We would welcome any insights from pharmacists who have not been able to make a start with this service. Comments in an email, please, to LPC member Andrea Smith: [Andrea@bjwilsonltd.co.uk](mailto:Andrea@bjwilsonltd.co.uk)

## Review of Sexual Health Services Provision in Derby and Derbyshire

LPC has been notified of a further consultation to take place next month, for both city and county. LPC officers and members will attend the review meeting and report back.

## LPC Branding and website

In an attempt to enable wider understanding of community pharmacy's potential role in providing health and social care services, the committee has agreed that the 'outward-facing' name of the LPC will be Community Pharmacy Derbyshire and our new logo is now featured on our website. Please note that the website is now fully operational and is regularly updated. It should be contractors' first port of call when seeking information from the LPC.

## NHS England Contact Information

Please note that contact details for people at the Notts/Derbyshire area team recently changed. Full details have been posted on the LPC website

## LPC Election

All LPCs are elected to serve for a term of four years. The term of the current committee ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Places on the new committee will be filled according to the constitution. CCA and AIMp members are nominated by their respective organisations. Independent contractor places are filled by a nomination process. If there are more nominations than places available, an election is held. Further details will be communicated early in the New Year.

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