

LPC Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The committee met for the entire day. A copy of the agenda, which includes the names of our various guests during the day, can be found [here](#).

## Funding Cuts – LPC Actions

As everyone will be aware, on December 17<sup>th</sup>, the government announced - in an open letter – a £170m cut in pharmacy funding with effect from October 2016. Between Christmas and New Year, the LPC chairman and chief officer worked with our PR agency and issued a press release which can be found [here](#). This resulted in significant coverage in the *Derby Telegraph*, *Derbyshire Times* and chairman John Sargeant gave a live interview on Radio Derby. Last week, our chairman and chief officer attended a special meeting with PSNC in London. All available information on the exchange of documents between the government and PSNC, together with the latest news and position statements can be found [here](#). The LPC will continue its campaign locally to support our contractors; watch out for our chairman's blog, which will appear on our website on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Follow us on Twitter: @DerbyshireLPC.

## SCR Rollout across Derby and Derbyshire

Community Pharmacy access to the Summary Care Record (SCR) is about to be rolled out across our area, following a successful pilot. Before access can be granted, a face-to-face training event **must** be attended. The pharmacy multiples will be delivering the training 'in house'. For everyone else, a series of events is being organised across city and county. Typically there will be a 4pm and a 7pm event on the same day. We will post further details on our website as soon as they are available

## LPC Events: Acute Kidney Injury

A few places remain available for our development events in partnership with CPPE in March. For details, [click here](#). Booking is via CPPE website only.

## North Derbyshire and Hardwick CCGs Medicines Waste Campaign

These two CCGs have joined forces in an attempt to reduce Derbyshire's £6.9m medicine waste cost. Details can be found [here](#).

## LPC Officers' Activities

Since November, officers and members have engaged with: LMC, the Notts/Derbyshire Flu Group, Southern Derbyshire CCG and Derbyshire's Tobacco Control Group. LPC was also represented at an NHS Litigation Authority Oral Hearing.

## ProStrakan AdcalConnect Leaflets

ProStrakan was one of our partners supporting last year's bone health and Osteoporosis campaign. They have recently launched an initiative called *AdcalConnect*. Patients can sign up to this free service, which provides five telephone prompts in the first month to remind the patient to take their Adcal D3. ProStrakan will be mailing out supplies of an information leaflet to Derbyshire pharmacies.

## LPC Levy Holiday Announced

This LPC takes pride in managing its finances efficiently. This is particularly important at the current time when contractors are about to face funding cuts later this year. Our audit committee have agreed a one month 'levy holiday', so no statutory levy will be deducted from contractors' payments for a month. We anticipate that this will be actioned by NHS BSA in either January or February.

## Stop Smoking Services

Both the LPC and the LMC (Local Medical Committee) are concerned at the reduction in access to these services following the introduction of new commissioning arrangements in December 2014 – particularly in view of the fact that smoking is the primary cause of preventable morbidity and premature death, accounting for over 80,000 deaths every year in England. In England, deaths from smoking are more numerous than the next six most common causes of preventable death combined (i.e. drug use, road accidents, other accidents and falls, preventable diabetes, suicide and alcohol abuse). In Derbyshire, between 2011 and 2013 around 3,900 adult deaths were attributable to smoking related diseases. Both committees are considering plans for formally raising these concerns with the commissioner.

## Want to receive LPC updates personally?

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This update is produced by the LPC for pharmacy contractors in Derbyshire County and Derby City. Any matters related to it should be addressed to the LPC Chief Officer.

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