

LPC Meeting 22nd September 2015

The committee met for the afternoon and the committee meeting was followed in the evening by our AGM, which this year attracted some 45 attendees who were treated to a brilliant, captivating presentation by Bill Nicol, Head of Adult Safeguarding for the four Derbyshire CCGs.

Stop Smoking Services Commissioned by DCHS (County only)

Committee met with DCHS Assistant Director Jayne Needham and two of her colleagues at this meeting. Committee welcomed the fact that new contracts are now being proposed which reintroduce the £3.80 dispensing fee for NRT supply, on a contractual basis and there has been positive movement on a fee for CO validation for clients of other Stop Smoking providers. Details of the new contracts will be going out to pharmacies who have expressed interest in providing these services.

LPC PR and Media Campaign - Flu

The LPC has confirmed a media campaign which is designed to support the new Advanced Service: the nationally commissioned NHS Flu Immunisation Service. Across Derby and Derbyshire, we have received confirmation from 146 pharmacies who will be providing the service – that's two thirds of our 217 contractor total. The media campaign will start next week and we have provided a list of these pharmacies alphabetically by locality. We have also produced an interactive, searchable map of these pharmacies, which can be accessed [here](#).

Chairman's Blog

LPC Chairman John Sargeant's blog this month is also supporting the flu immunisation effort and we know these blogs are being read by stakeholders both within and outside of community pharmacy. You can catch up with his current and previous blogs [here](#)

LPC Communications

The LPC communicates to contractors and/or their senior line management via an emailed update like this meeting and via our website. However, increasingly, pharmacists (including locums), technicians and others ask us for information as it becomes available between our meetings. We are planning to do this by inviting sign-up to LPC newsletters. Watch our website for information on when this will commence.

LPC Officers' Activities

Since July, officers and members have engaged with: LMC, East Midlands Primary Care Development Centre, Derbyshire County Council (Substance Misuse commissioner), Pan-Derbyshire Emergency & Resilience Group, NHS 111, Royal Derby Hospital, the National Osteoporosis Society, the Notts/Derbyshire Flu Planning Group and the Local Pharmacy Network (LPN).

Minor Ailments Service Pilot - Southern Derbyshire CCG area

The LPC fully supports the concept of a minor ailments service, the benefits of which have been promoted both at a local and national level. In fact, many contractors were engaged with the original minor ailments service in Derby City (Pharmacy First) which at the time was one of the very first enhanced services in the area – and one which received national acclaim. However, now that LPC has been advised of the outline proposal in Southern Derbyshire, the committee feels that it is unable to endorse it or recommend it to contractors. The CCG's plan is for a 6 month initial phase involving only pharmacies in Swadlincote and six GP practices. The fee being proposed currently is significantly lower than the Pharmacy First fee in Derby at the time it was decommissioned several years ago and the committee is doubtful that it will be sufficient to attract contractor engagement.

Hospital Discharge Services Transferring to PharmOutcomes®

Royal Derby Hospital plans to transfer the 'Help For Harry' discharge information to pharmacies onto PharmOutcomes® next month (as already happens with Chesterfield Royal Hospital). Pharmacies will shortly be receiving a joint letter explaining what is happening and when.

Support for World Osteoporosis Day – October 20th

Following our development events on Falls and Bone Health, Derbyshire LPC have linked up with the National Osteoporosis Society (NOS) for a major media campaign leading up to World Osteoporosis Day. It's the first time that the NOS has worked with pharmacists and we are arranging for NOS resource packs to be delivered to every pharmacy in Derby and Derbyshire in readiness for this campaign. The campaign is already attracting media interest and we expect this to increase – so please watch out for the resource packs and be prepared. We have a powerful case study, which is the subject of a TV piece which we are expecting to be broadcast on *East Midlands Today* on October 12th.

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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