

LPC Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016

The committee met for the afternoon and the committee meeting was followed in the evening by our AGM, which this year attracted some 40 attendees received extremely useful presentations from Keith Tapp, Policy Manager at GPhC and Alastair Buxton, Director of NHS Services at PSNC. Presentations and documents are available [here](#).

## New independent contractor member appointed

A vacancy was created due to the resignation of Krishan Lakhani and independent contractors were invited to express interest in filling this vacancy until the next committee is elected. Three expressions of interest were received and, at the LPC meeting committee voted by a majority to appoint Matthew Hind, from Housley Pharmacy, Spondon, Derby.

## NHS Flu services up and running

180 pharmacies across Derbyshire (over 83%) are providing the NHS Flu Immunisation (Advanced Service) this year. The service is available until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Once again, your LPC has produced an interactive map, which you can access via the home page on our website or via this [link](#).

Running alongside the NHS service and operated under a Private PGD or prescription from an Independent Pharmacy Prescriber, 115 pharmacies now have a contract with Derbyshire County Council to provide flu jabs for certain employee groups under a 3-year contract.

## 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 Strategy and Business Plan

We continue to press ahead into the third year of our strategy and this year's business plan is progressing well. We are engaged with the Local Professional Network (LPN), the East Midlands NHS Academic Science Health Network and are working with colleagues in these organisations to develop local service proposals. Of particular interest currently are falls prevention and the safe transfer of care from secondary care

## LPC Officers' Activities

Since July, officers and members have engaged with: LMC, Derbyshire Healthcare NHS FT (mental health trust), Derbyshire County Council (Falls Pathway conference), NHS Derbyshire & Nottingham NHS Flu Planning Group, Southern Derbyshire CCG. Local Pharmacy Network (LPN) and the Derby City Council Public Health directorate.

## STP – Derbyshire's Sustainability and Transformation Plan

The draft STP for Derbyshire was submitted to NHS England on 30<sup>th</sup> June and ratification is expected this autumn. LPC is engaging with its author, the CEO of Southern Derbyshire CCG. We have also begun our engagement with our local authorities – because the STP will address the whole system and will be the reference point for all local commissioning for the next 5 years. Therefore it essential that all pharmacy contractors keep up to date with what is happening in their localities – or potentially be left out of future services. We will post any news, as it develops, on the LPC website. Meanwhile, for an overview on STPs, visit this [link](#). For an overview of the shape of Derbyshire's STP, click [here](#). Note that the plan is for the whole of Derbyshire, including Derby City. Community Pharmacy, initially via the LPC, will be fully engaged and contractors need to be aware of the recently published Community Pharmacy Forward View because this will be informing pharmacy's input into STPs nationally. You can find it [here](#)

## Research Opportunity 'Scaling the Peaks'

There is currently an opportunity for pharmacies situated within the Peak District National Park to participate in some research into Dementia care for older rural people and their carers. Interested? Contact the LPC Chairman: [john.sargeant@derbyshirelpc.org](mailto:john.sargeant@derbyshirelpc.org) .

## Support for World Osteoporosis Day – October 20th

October 20<sup>th</sup> presents another opportunity for pharmacies to spot patients who need to be prescribed bone-sparing medication and to check that those who are already being prescribed the medication know why they are taking them and how to take it. For resources visit the WOD website: <http://worldosteoporosisday.org/>

## \*\*\*Case studies urgently required!\*\*\*

We would like to be able to offer greater support to the Flu campaign with more media coverage. If you have a good news story with patient consent to share details, please contact [katherine.newman@derbyshirelpc.org](mailto:katherine.newman@derbyshirelpc.org) .

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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