

LPC Meeting – 21st January 2014

The committee met all day. There were both closed and open sessions; the open session was with guests from Derbyshire County Council (Adult Social Care), HealthWatch Derby and HealthWatch Derbyshire.

LPC Officers' Activities

LPC officers continue to engage on contractors' behalf with commissioners and stakeholders on behalf of contractors. Activities have included engagement with the new 5-Year M Pharm Degree stakeholder event at Nottingham University, the North Derbyshire & Hardwick CCGs' prescribing subgroup, Derbyshire County Council's Drug & Alcohol services commissioner, Derbyshire LMC and Derbyshire County Council's road show event on 'Integrated Wellbeing'. LPC members have represented contractors on the CCG prescribing groups in Erewash and Southern Derbyshire.

NHS England's 'Call To Action' (CTA) for Community Pharmacy

All pharmacists should be aware by now of the launch of this in December and the need to respond to the national consultation by March 18th – visit <http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/qual-clin-lead/calltoaction/pharm-cta/>. The LPC launched this at its meeting in order to engage with the relevant HealthWatch teams in Derby and Derbyshire. We are fortunate in Derbyshire that we have a thriving Local Professional Network and Samantha Travis, LPN chair, has set up a series of meetings to engage with Pharmacists and their teams, commencing in Derby of 18th February and then on to Ilkeston on 19th. **Contractors may care to note that Alison Hemsworth, NHS England's Lead for the National Pharmacy Contract will be speaking at the 18th and 19th February Events.** Full details of these and all the other dates – as well as a booking form – can be found on the LPC website at: <http://www.derbyshirelpc.org/our-news/nhs-england-call-to-action-in-derbyshire/>

Managed Repeat Prescription Ordering Services

The LPC became aware of criticism of some of these services emanating from the North Derbyshire & Hardwick CCGs' prescribing subgroup. The criticism was generalised, and unsubstantiated by evidence. After detailed discussion, the LPC decided the committee should release a 'position statement'. The committee hopes this will be received as a balanced document which clearly sets out obligations for both pharmacies and for practices, at the same time defining the correct route for unresolved conflicts. By setting out clearly this view, pharmacy contractors will know and understand the situations where the LPC can support them and practices will understand that they, too, have a part to play and the action the LPC may take on behalf of contractors if there is clear evidence of unacceptable activity by practices. The statement is on the LPC website at <http://www.derbyshirelpc.org/lpc-activity/resources/managed-repeat-prescription-ordering-services/>

Derby City Council Pharmacy Based Public Health Services- REVISED CONTENT

The tender for Supervised Consumption is open until 18th February. The EHC and Needle Exchange tenders have closed. The city council will require pharmacy providers to use PharmOutcomes in order to record all service provisions; this has the advantage of automatically invoicing the council for services provided so there will be no claims forms to collate or submit. The council is working in partnership with the LPC on this and the license costs and any work undertaken is being fully funded by the council. No contractors' funds will be used. For pharmacies which have successfully tendered to become providers, there will be an evening launch event, which will run through the use of PharmOutcomes, at Council offices on Wednesday 5th March.

Open Session with Derbyshire County Council and HealthWatch Guests

The committee briefed guests on the NHS England Community Pharmacy Call To Action (see above). This was followed by a discussion with DCC adult social care representatives around domiciliary use of MAR sheets and the pressure being placed on pharmacies by staff from private care agencies to supply MDS blister packs. DCC is developing a single medication policy for use across all care agencies contracted by the council and LPC will continue to track progress. Following discussion, we alerted guests to the problems around prescription direction and the joint statement recently issued by the BMA and PSNC.

Levy Holiday

Contractors will be aware by now that the LPC's Audit Committee approved two month's of zero levy for contractors due to economies realised following restructuring set out in the Chairman's annual report.

LPC Election

The LPC is following the PSNC timetable and intend that the result will be declared on 5th March in accordance with this

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