

DERBYSHIRE LPC MEETING REPORT

LPC Meeting 17th March 2015

The committee met for the entire day. Invited guests for the open session included Nikki Hinchley Head of IM&T Systems Enablement and Michael Corr (Project Manager) from GEMCSU and Martin Shepherd, Chief Pharmacist, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

LPC Officers' Activities

Since the last LPC meeting, LPC officers and members have been engaged with various NHS England Area Team meetings, LMC, Hardwick CCG, Southern Derbyshire CCG, Derbyshire County Council (PNA development), Derbyshire Tobacco Alliance, Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Flu Group, and Chesterfield Royal Hospital. Additionally, the LPC hosted two development events in March to support MURs for Osteoporosis and Bone Health patients and a number of LPC members provided training for GP receptionists in Southern Derbyshire.

Stop Smoking Services and EHC Service Commissioned by DCHS in the County (only)

Officers met with DCHS on 4th March for discussions. LPC was subsequently consulted by DCHS on a proposed template contract which had been drafted by their solicitors; it was intended for use when the current 'Memorandum of Understanding' ends. LPC has responded to DCHS in detail, setting out the reasons why the LPC is unable to endorse the proposed draft. Broadly, the LPC's concerns were around reduced fees, VAT dissections for product supplied, cumbersome and paper-based operational requirements, the requirement to meet the overarching contract provider standards for Integrated Wellbeing Services and a lack of clarity in many of the contract conditions. (You can access the overarching standards for accredited providers of wellbeing services [here](#)). LPC has been advised that we will receive a copy of the final contract at the same time that it is sent to contractors. LPC advice to contractors therefore continues to be to read very carefully all documents before signing and to obtain your own legal advice. Note that commissioning responsibility for the EHC service (currently commissioned directly by Derbyshire County Council) transfers to DCHS on 1st April, so it is disappointing that we have not yet had sight of the final contract documentation.

Draft PNA Consultation

The stakeholder consultation has now closed and the LPC will be represented at a meeting on 24th March at Council offices for publication of the final PNA. We will create a link to this on the LPC website in due course.

Minor Ailments Service (Pilot) Proposed for Southern Derbyshire CCG Area

Work is still ongoing in preparation for this pilot. We hope to have some more news during April. Watch the LPC website for any updates.

Regulatory Changes

All contractors should have received information regarding two important regulatory changes which came into effect on 1st March. These are now contractual requirements. The first requires contractors to give appropriate advice about the benefits of repeat dispensing to specified categories of patients and the second to undertake a clinical audit of their choice, and either a clinical or policy based audit as specified by the NHS England. NHS has specified a national audit. Details can be found [here](#).

Domiciliary MURs

LPC has received very positive feedback from pharmacists delivering Domiciliary MURs. We understand that, although originally intended to end at the end of March, some funding may still be available beyond the end of the month.

Hospital Discharge Services

LPC officers have been in discussion with Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in order to facilitate greater use of the 'Help for Harry' discharge scheme via use of PharmOutcomes. Discussions have also commenced with Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust with a view to introducing a similar service. These are not commissioned services; however, they provide opportunities for NMS and MUR consultations and for pharmacies to demonstrate that they are able to help reduce hospital readmissions.

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

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