

DERBYSHIRE LPC MEETING REPORT

LPC Meeting – 20th May 2014

This was the first meeting of the new committee at the start of their new 4-year term of office. Officers from the previous committee were elected unopposed and a membership list accompanies this report. There were no conflicts of interest declared. The committee is unchanged, apart from a new independent contractor representative, Mr Irfan Motala (Derby city contractor), who replaces Mr Nazim Ebrahim.

LPC Officers' Activities

Since the last LPC meeting, LPC officers have been engaged with various NHS England Area Team meetings, including Enhanced Services review, Primary Care Panel, LPN, and NHS eContracting. We have commenced meeting with members of the Area Team together with Nottingham LPC and both LMCs to tackle the issue of Prescription Direction. There is evidence that this can involve both GP practices and Pharmacies and we will report on the outcomes of these meetings in due course. Officers have also met with Derbyshire County Council commissioners in connection with current market engagement for the future commissioning of sexual health and integrated wellbeing services. Details are on the LPC website.

LPC Strategy

Committee devoted a large part of the morning to development of a four-year strategy for supporting contractors. The committee's business plan will be mapped out from this. In tandem with this, the committee has unanimously approved a budget for this year. It is expected that the development work will be completed by our next meeting. The strategy will be informed also by the Area Team's Primary Care Strategy for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

LPC Development Events

The LPC has announced two events on Substance Misuse in partnership with CPPE and our two local authorities. Each event is tailored, with commissioners from respective local authorities represented. See <http://www.derbyshirelpc.org/our-events/substance-use-and-misuse-workshop-events-advance-notice/>

Unfortunately the Pride Park event for Derby City is already fully booked but there are still some places available for the event at Chatsworth House on the evening of Wednesday 2nd July. Booking is via the CPPE website only.

LPC Annual Meeting **ADVANCE NOTICE**

A date to reserve in your diary **now! Tuesday 16th September, 6.30 (for 7.10pm) at Morley Hayes.** We have secured not one, but TWO national expert speakers for our September Annual Meeting for pharmacy teams (including pre-regs and locums). **Mike Holden, Chief Executive of the NPA**, will share with us his accumulated insights into the new premises standards that have recently been introduced by the GPhC. And **Mark Voce, Head of Inspection, GPhC** will speak about the GPhC's new approach to pharmacy inspection. *Ask all your questions and get answers straight 'from the top' at this unique Derby/Derbyshire Event on 16th September.* Emailed bookings are now being accepted via agm.bookings@derbyshirelpc.org

Commissioned Services in Derby City

At the time of writing, contractors in Derby who successfully tendered for newly-procured services will have completed nearly two months of service provision using the PharmOutcomes platform. We are pleased to report that this is working well, with benefits for the commissioner in terms of a 'goldmine' of data and for contractors, in terms of automated invoicing and payment.

Future Procurement in Derbyshire County

There currently live invitations for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from pharmacies at <http://www.sourcederbyshire.co.uk/contracts/show/id/10450> and <http://www.sourcederbyshire.co.uk/contracts/show/id/10446> Contractors should note that it is the County Council's intention to invite tenders for the main contracts and award these to a 'primary contractor'. The list of pharmacies submitting EOIs will be passed to the primary contractor with a view to subcontracting opportunities in particular geographic locations.

Southern Derbyshire CCG (SDCCG) Develops Plans for Bulk Prescribing in Care Homes

The LPC has learned that Bulk Prescribing is being considered by SDCCG for some patients in Care Homes, so contractors are advised to watch out for this. According to the May 2014 Drug tariff:

9. BULK PRESCRIPTION

Charges are not payable in respect of "bulk" prescriptions for schools or institutions supplied in accordance with the Regulations See Note 9, Part VIIIA (100).

9. A "Bulk" prescription is an order for two or more patients, bearing the name of a school or institution in which at least 20 persons normally reside, for the treatment of at least 10 of whom a particular doctor is responsible. Such a prescription must be an order for a drug which is prescribable under the NHS and which is not designated a "Prescription Only Medicine" (POM) under Section 58(1) of the Medicines Act 1968, or for a prescribable dressing which does not contain a product which is designated POM.

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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