

DERBYSHIRE LPC MEETING REPORT

LPC Meeting 18th November 2014

The committee met for the entire day. Invited guests included Zoe Smeaton (PSNC's head of communications and public affairs), as well as Sam Travis, Chris Kerry and David Knight from the NHS England Area Team.

LPC Officers' Activities

Since the last LPC meeting, LPC officers have been engaged with various NHS England Area Team meetings, LMC, Derbyshire Flu Immunisation Group, North Derbyshire CCG, Southern Derbyshire CCG, Derbyshire County Council (PNA development), HealthWatch Derbyshire, Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS) and the All Party Pharmacy Group at the House of Commons.

Summary Care Record Pilot

There are 31 pharmacies in North Derbyshire now signed up and trained so that they can now have consented access to Summary Care Records and it is hoped that improvements to practice and benefits to patients will be demonstrated by this pilot.

Advice to Care Homes Service – Southern Derbyshire

The LPC has learned that the CCG is proposing to decommission this service, so we expect that formal notice will be given to contractors in due course (please see also our last report which explains the background).

LPC Strategy

The LPC continues its work on delivering the committee's strategy. This can be seen, in the form of a 'plan on a page' on the LPC's website at <http://www.derbyshirelpc.org/our-news/lpc-strategy-published/>. The committee has also undertaken a self-evaluation and identified areas where improvements can be made. As part of the committee's governance review, the agenda for LPC meetings is now available on the website as soon as it has been finalised; this is typically four days before each meeting. The committee is also reviewing its communications strategy – particularly as it relates to media and Zoe Smeaton attended today's LPC meeting to assist with the initial work.

LPC Constitution

The LPC has consulted on the proposed changes to this LPC's constitution. Contractors have had the opportunity to vote by post or in person at a Special General Meeting on 18th November 2014. 112 votes have been received (a 51.6% turnout) and 100% of all votes cast were in favour. The amended constitution is therefore approved with immediate effect.

Community Pharmacy Public Health Services in the County

LPC has been advised that, following a tendering process, the Primary Contractor contracts for both the Integrated Wellbeing Services and Integrated Sexual Health Services have been awarded to Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust (DCHS). LPC officers have had two meetings with DCHS at director level, specifically about the two pharmacy-based Stop Smoking services. From an LPC email to all County contractors (28th October) contractors will be aware that the present contracts with Derbyshire County Council (i.e. the former PCT LESs which 'rolled forward') terminate on 30th November 2014. Derbyshire County Council have stated that no payment will be made in respect of any claims made after 6th December. It is therefore very important that pharmacies do not make any supplies of NRT products (e.g. by redeeming vouchers) after November as they will not be paid for them. We are engaging with DCHS with regard to future services but clearly there will be no Stop Smoking contracts in place by 1st December so services will cease. Note that the EHC service continues until 31st March 2015.

NHS England Re-organisation

In April 2015, the Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Area will merge with Staffordshire, Shropshire and Stoke area teams. However, it is anticipated that pharmacy contacts in the new area team will remain largely unchanged as most of the personnel changes will be at director level.

LPC Development Events

Over the past two months, the LPC has run two development events around Polypharmacy MURs for Primary Falls Prevention, featuring guest speakers from both secondary and primary care. The presentations from the events are available on the LPC website at: <http://www.derbyshirelpc.org/resources/development-events/polypharmacy-murs-for-primary-falls-prevention-2/>

We would appreciate emailed feedback regarding LPC events, particularly from anyone who booked to attend the Derby venue but for some reason did not attend; we are keen to understand whether this venue is acceptable to be used in future. We hope to follow up with events on Bone Health in the spring.

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.