

DERBYSHIRE LPC MEETING REPORT

LPC Meeting & AGM – 16th September 2014

The committee met for the afternoon in closed session and held its AGM the same evening. During the afternoon meeting Sam Travis (NHS England Area Team) briefed the committee on the forthcoming Summary Care Record Pilot in North Derbyshire.

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, Derby City Public Health commissioners, Hardwick CCG, Southern Derbyshire CCG, Derbyshire County Substance Misuse commissioners and assisted the commencement of the development of County and City Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments.

Summary Care Record Pilot

Please refer to the July meeting report for information on the background to this. Arising out of the recent 'Call to Action' and the personal commitment of the Minister of State, North Derbyshire has been selected as one of five areas nationally to participate in a 'proof of concept' pilot in which some pharmacies (about 30) will be able to access (with the requisite consent) a patient's summary care record. Invitations for 'expressions of interest' have been sent to pharmacies and the pilot is expected to commence within a month and report back by the end of February.

Advice to Care Homes Service – North Derbyshire

The LPC has been advised by North Derbyshire CCG of their decision to decommission this service, due to the fall-off in the level of contractor engagement. The LPC advised the CCG that, in our committee's view, the SLA was not fit for purpose and that the remuneration was insufficient to even cover the cost of service provision. The LPC warned 18 months ago of the possibility that contractors would disengage because of this. We also warned of the dangers of continually commissioning services as 'pilots' with no certainty of continuity.

PharmOutcomes

Commissioners in Derby City Council have proved that services can be commissioned successfully via the PharmOutcomes platform and have been delighted with the information that has been generated, as well as the automated payments and claims that the platform provides. In view of this, the LPC will support making this available to other commissioners who express interest in commissioning services from community pharmacies in the future.

LPC Constitution

The committee has seen the final draft consultation document and has approved its adoption from April 2015, subject to any final amendments by PSNC and NHS England. The consultation draft was shared with contractors present at the AGM on the same basis. Whilst the constitution requires the calling of a Special General Meeting of contractors to approve any changes, it was agreed that contractors who have already attended the AGM and had an opportunity to see and discuss the final consultation draft, would not actually be required to attend a further meeting in order to vote, but could do so electronically.

Flu Immunisation Service

After numerous meetings, the LPC was asked to consider a restricted offer of a limited pilot for u65 at risk people with learning difficulties or liver disease. The committee were disappointed at the small scale of the pilot and the limited time available to develop a pilot service specification and recruit pharmacy providers in time for a service to be ready by the end of September. LPC could not be confident that we could secure Derbyshire contractor engagement because the amount of work involved in case finding could not be covered by the standard fee and very little activity would be available.

If your pharmacy sees patients who attend Derby Hospitals read this.....

'Help for Harry' is a service that provides help and advice, offering patients support after discharge. The service was developed between Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and this LPC. The number of consultations is growing. Full details and information about the service can be found at: <http://www.derbyshirelpc.org/our-news/your-pharmacy-is-in-derby-then-you-need-to-know-about-help-for-harry/>

AGM Guest Speakers

A packed audience saw LPC Chairman John Sargeant introduce two national speakers: Mark Voce, Head of Inspection at the GPhC and Michael Holden, Chief Executive of the NPA, who each focused on aspects of the GPhC's new approach to inspections and how the various standards are applied and interpreted. A full report of the meeting, including LPC reports and accounts, plus copies of the speaker's presentations, can be found at: <http://www.derbyshirelpc.org/our-news/record-turnout-for-lpcs-agm/>

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