

DERBYSHIRE LPC UPDATE

LPC Meeting 21st July 2015

The committee met for the entire day. Invited guests included:

- Martin Shepherd (chief pharmacist) and Lisa Ruddle (senior technician) from Chesterfield Royal Hospital
- Yasir Pirmohamed and Kirshan Lakhani (independent contractor observers)

From the NHS England Area Team

Update contact details for the team have now been provided. A copy can be accessed [here](#). Contractors and all pharmacists should be aware that a National Flu Service has been commissioned and this replaces the local service proposal. See PSNC website for details [here](#).

Stop Smoking Services Commissioned by DCHS (County only)

DCHS have agreed to continue to pay the £3.80 dispensing fee for pharmacies contracted via a current Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which has been extended. However, there is still uncertainty over the longer term and LPC has received no indication that the payment will become permanent. Additionally, the LPC has advised DCHS that the committee believes that the fee being offered for Carbon Monoxide monitoring and validation of quits is unlikely to attract engagement due to the cost of equipment, calibration, maintenance and disposables and the possibility of being unable to recoup these costs.

Focus on AKI Patients in Southern Derbyshire

Southern Derbyshire CCG and Royal Derby Hospital have been working together to produce 'Sick Day Rules' for patients with Acute Kidney Injury. You can access a copy of a patient leaflet [here](#). Also, Dr Sue Shaw, Advanced Renal Services Pharmacist, will be speaking at an LPF event in Nottingham on November 10th

Annual Meeting 22nd September – book now to secure your place!

As an LPC, we have been extremely fortunate in securing some brilliant guest speakers over the years and this year is no exception. Whether you are a contractor, pharmacist, pre-reg, locum or technician, you can get full details and book your place [here](#)

LPC Officers' Activities

Since May, officers and members have engaged with: LMC, PSNC, Derbyshire County Council (Substance Misuse and Sexual Health commissioners), Pan-Derbyshire Emergency & Resilience Group, and the senior management team at Derby City Public Health.

Minor Ailments Service Pilot - Southern Derbyshire CCG area

Contractors will have seen the news that proposals for a nationally-commissioned Minor Ailments Advanced Service have been abandoned. However there is still interest at Southern Derbyshire CCG in commissioning a local service. LPC officers are members of the Steering Group and will be attending an August meeting to help progress this. Southern Derbyshire CCG is our largest CCG and we have 114 pharmacies situated within its area – including all pharmacies in Derby. We will keep contractors updated as discussions progress.

Hospital Discharge Services

Martin Shepherd gave a positive report on the engagement of pharmacies in the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Area with the use of PharmOutcomes for patient discharge information. Forty patients have been helped to date through pharmacies having advance information when medication for regular patients is changed on discharge from hospital. Interventions have led to better understanding of their medicines, medicines reconciliation and other adjustments tailored to the patients' needs. The information received from the hospital can also provide opportunities for NMS and MUR services. Royal Derby Hospital has now approved the use of PharmOutcomes for the 'Help for Harry' discharge scheme; it will replace the current email and fax communication soon – watch out for announcements.

Committee News - New Member

In accordance with our constitution, the committee has decided to appoint Mr Krishan Lakhani to fill the current independent contractor vacancy. Krishan is a pharmacist employed by Jhoots Pharmacy at Coleman Street, Derby. We welcome Krishan to the committee.

Danger Alert – Nappy Sacks

Derby City Public Health have alerted us to the risk of child death posed by nappy sacks – 14 babies in England and Wales have already died. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) plan to get some leaflets to our pharmacies. You can see a copy [here](#)

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