

DERBYSHIRE LPC UPDATE



LPC Meeting 19th May 2015

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

- Matt Youdale, Arch Communications
- Rob Hill & Jit Parekh (Arden and GEM CSU Communications)
- Jackie Pendleton (Chief Officer, NDCCG)
- Debbie Bostock (SDCCG)
- Sam Travis (North Midlands Area Team)

From the NHS England Area Team

Contractors are reminded that end-of year returns for MUR and NMS must be submitted now, if this has not yet been done. Some Area Team contacts and individual responsibilities have recently changed and an email detailing these has been sent to all pharmacies. A copy can be accessed [here](#).

EOC and Stop Smoking Services Commissioned by DCHS (County only)

Officers met again with DCHS on 18th May, and the full LPC committee discussed the outcome.

Emergency Oral Contraception

Most of the issues we had raised have been resolved (although the fee offered remains unchanged). Contractors who have expressed interest in providing this service can expect to receive a revised letter and service specification soon. References to the overarching contract will be removed.

Stop Smoking services

Unfortunately, there has been limited progress. Training requirements for each advisor would reduce from 6 days to 2 days and Drug Tariff prices would apply – BUT there is still no dispensing fee available for NRT and the LPC position remains as previously communicated ([click here](#) to see paragraph 1(e) of the committee's position statement).

We continue to address this on your behalf and will communicate further if the situation changes.

21C #JoinedUpCare (North Derbyshire)

Jackie Pendleton, Chief Officer at NDCCG, shared details of this major programme. You can learn more at www.joinedupcare.org.uk. LPC has offered to engage via members in the North locality.

LPC Officers' Activities

Since March, officers and members have engaged with: DCHS, LPN, Derbyshire County Council, Royal Derby Hospital, North Derbyshire CCG, Derbyshire and Nottingham LMCs, and officer colleagues from across the new North Midlands sub region.

Minor Ailments Service Pilot

There is no more news on this proposal for the South Derbyshire area, but contractors may have seen the recent PSNC statement following media speculation. You can read the latest joint statement from PSNC and Pharmacy Voice [here](#).

Hospital Discharge Services

Derby pharmacies will know the 'Help for Harry' scheme, whereby Royal Derby Hospital discharge teams refer patients to their regular pharmacy for an MUR or NMS consultation. See the latest hospital newsletter on progress [here](#).

We are discussing ways of using PharmOutcomes for this. In the County, pharmacies have received an email from the Area Team indicating that a similar arrangement with Chesterfield Royal Hospital has already started, via PharmOutcomes. This went out before the LPC was aware, so there have been some misunderstandings. Pharmacies already confident in using PharmOutcomes should be able to see this discharge option when they log in. Others can request a login via the 'Help' screen at www.pharmoutcomes.org.uk.

Support for Respiratory Patients

LPC has learned that some CCGs are encouraging GP practices to use In-Check devices to help identify whether patients are using their inhaler correctly. We remind you that this LPC provided In-Check devices to pharmacies two years ago. Please track them down so that you too can support these patients.

We also purchased '7 Steps to Success – Inhaler Technique Reminder Cards' and some are still available (see [here](#)). If you would like one, send a pharmacy address label and 'large letter' postage stamp to the LPC at: 1 Rectory Close, Eckington, N.Derbyshire, S21 4GL.

Committee Vacancy

We anticipate a LPC vacancy for an independent contractor based in Derby City, and invite expressions of interest to the Chief Officer.

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.

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