



## Devon Cornwall IOS Pharmacy Local Professional Network

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#### Devon Cornwall IOS Local Professional Network (LPN) For Pharmaceutical Services Moving the focus of pharmaceutical care from organisations to patients

During 2012 and 2013 both Cornwall IOS and Devon ran successful pilots of Pharmacy LPNs which were used as a basis for the national roll out which took place towards the end of 2013. The Devon & Cornwall IOS Pharmacy LPN was established covering the peninsula, and membership of the steering group is attached to the newsletter.

Pharmacy provision is changing rapidly; “*Now or Never: Shaping pharmacy for the future*” published by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in 2013 highlights that people across England should expect pharmacists to offer far more than just medicines and indicates the scale of the challenge we all face. By working together collectively we can face these challenges more effectively and significantly improve the pharmacy profession and the care of our patients.

The LPN is a network for all pharmacy that will provide a mechanism for engagement with stakeholders, including commissioners, provider organisations, the profession itself and patients. All members of pharmacy teams, whatever the setting, are members of the LPN.

The overall goal of the LPN is to improve quality, consistency and safety of delivery. This will involve us all:

- Taking up a greater leadership role in delivering better health outcomes for our patients.
- Developing our skills and working with peers more closely to encourage best practice.
- Owning the issue of safety and how we can support each other and if necessary report issues to drive improvement in the way our health system works locally.
- Working together more effectively to eliminate interface issues.

## **Initial Priority Areas and work-streams**

### **Pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) Lead: David Bearman**

The pharmaceutical needs assessment sets out the future needs for pharmaceutical services across the area, and is the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Boards.

It is the role of the LPN to advise and support the Local Authorities in the development of the PNA and we are currently working with the four public health teams across the Peninsula to take the work forward in a consistent way.

### **Continuity of Safe service provision Lead: Iain Davidson**

The intent is to look at how we can improve our reporting of safety incidents across the network and ensure we share the learning from these experiences across all sectors of the network.

### **Quality Improvement Lead: Paul Foster**

An Integrated Medicines Optimisation Project is currently underway in South Devon; much of the work involved in this project is focussed on improving the quality of medicine optimisation services, particularly to high risk patients with multiple long term conditions. The learning that comes from this project will be spread through the LPN for adaption and adoption as health communities see fit.

### **Workforce Development and Clinical Leadership Lead: David Bearman**

The intent is to align organisations involved in pharmacy, its' education and research to make the peninsular the place of choice for practice based research in pharmacy. We aim to provide workforce development to make those based in pharmaceutical provision locally well equipped to respond to the significant changes expected in the near future.

### **Communications Lead: Sue Taylor**

Each member of the Pharmacy LPN will act as a conduit of information for their own pharmacy sector and with key stakeholders across the peninsula. The LPN will develop a range of communication channels from paper based newsletters through to use of Social Media to ensure a robust two way means of communications, keeping people informed.

The workstreams are in the early stages of development; if you would like further information please contact the lead person identified.

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