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THE 81ST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WAS HELD AT
THE WHITE POST, FARNSFIELD
ON
THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2013 AT 9.30AM

Present

In the Chair Linda Ferguson

Secretary: Alison Ellis

Chief Officer: Nick Hunter

Members: Ketan Chandi (am only), Lyndon Close, Dave Fernley, Gordon Heeley, Louise Keating, Shammi Khosla, Mary Lee, Dayaram Mistry, Ankish Patel, Jai Shah, Jon Such (am only), Makinder Suri

Observer: none

Attending

- Claire Grainger, Healthwatch
- Nicola North, Public Health Contract Manager, Public Health Nottinghamshire County
- Mindy Bassi, Head of Medicines Management, Nottingham City CCG

Apologies

- Garry Myers, PSNC Regional Representative
- Dr James Mills, Mansfield and Ashfield CCG
- Dr Khalid Butt, Mansfield and Ashfield CCG
- Vicky Bailey, Chief Officer, Rushcliffe CCG
- Jules Williams, NHIS
- Sam Travis, NHS England Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire AT
- Nayna Zuzarte, Prescribing Advisor, Rushcliffe CCG
- John Sargeant, Derbyshire LPC chair
- Rob Severn, LPC Chair
- Vijay Pujara, LPC member

Open Meeting

Claire Grainger, Healthwatch, Nottinghamshire County

Claire attended the LPC meeting to give an overview of Healthwatch and the priorities and responsibilities it has. Set up in April 2013 as part of NHS shake up in health and social care
Linked to Healthwatch England but not part of the national organisation
Represent all citizens of Nottinghamshire – re health and social care – hear voices, gather information and feed in to right place to influence. Voting seat on the HWB.

Aim to be influential – want to be involved in services at planning stage rather than when being put in place.

Have to be independent and therefore a social enterprise commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council. Nottingham City HealthWatch has a slightly different setup - Consortium of four companies – still independent and social enterprise though. Some Healthwatch's have taken on the role of PALS – Nottingham City is one but in County the CCGs still do this. Looking at software that will pick up on trends on social media.

Recruiting Healthwatch champions at present – normally already part of another organisation- patient

representative groups, etc (voluntary group). Team of 5 and based in Hucknall. Recruiting a volunteer coordinator at present.

Will be asking pharmacy to beHave you Say points and hold leaflets in the future.Working with pharmacies – help to get word out about Healthwatch. Have posters and may be looking at creating cards that can be put into prescription bags. Resources can be distributed through training events etc and send out information via newsletter.

Sharing of information – if issues arise then will come to the LPC and see if this can be sorted.

Outcome of issues will be on the Healthwatch website after been to the prioritisation panel. There is no deadline for Healthwatch on replying / solving issues raised. There will be follow up to ensure things have changed. Legal duty that need to produce an annual report.

Have a database designed for use by Healthwatch – this data will be collated and sent through to Healthwatch England.

Thanks were given to Claire for attending and Healthwatch have an open invitation to future LPC meetings.

Nicola North, Public Health Nottinghamshire County – PNA update

Responsibilities for PNA have moved to HWB.Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City are processing PNA jointly but publishing separately. To be published by April 2015. LPC (NH and DF) have been invited to the steering group. Victoria Lindon has been invited for Bassetlaw and Mindy Bassi representing City. Person who wrote Nottingham City PNA is involved in the steering group. Sam Travis is very keen that LPN will have input into the PNA.Starting from scratch but will be similar to the original City PNA.

Time line

- Consultation Summer 2014 – 60 days in regulations – LPC will see items during the development process as and when needed to discuss at meetings. NH has said that when not fully aware of a geographical area then will call upon other members who have more local knowledge.
- Final draft to HWB in Jan / Feb 15 to be published April 2015.

LPC feel that this is a large piece of work and acknowledge the time that this will take – feel the plan of action is good.

Thanks were given to Nicola for attending and Nicola has an open invitation to future LPC meetings.

Mindy Bassi, Head of Medicines Management, Nottingham City CCG – **Attachment 1**

Provided a document with current services caretaking for the City – this has been circulated in the CCG to highlight the role of pharmacy and especially the Pharmacy First Scheme. 46,500 consultations via Pharmacy First and at least half of these would have attended gp surgery.

Managing payments on behalf of the area team.

Not dispensed scheme – cost £24,000 and overall savings £40,000. CCG feel worthwhile to carry on.

Palliative care – low value financially but high patient value – engagement is good

Healthy Living Lead – 18 still active – being looked at due to changes in the NHS – parts of the services have gone to AT and PH. Revamping to fit within the CCG remit.

3 pilots in City –

- MUR+ has been superseded largely by Targeted MURs and NMS
- Vulnerable patients – only one pharmacy with 46 patients –focussed work around different agencies being involved and communicating with them all. Try and put forward as an innovation bid for expansion.
Stories from delivery drivers and pharmacy staff can be fed through to Healthwatch – query whether there will be a multidisciplinary audit over one week and then report all this information through

LPC already have discussed that work needs to be done on why services are not being carried out.

CCG supportive of the services going ahead and AT were given this information.

10th Anniversary of Pharmacy First in Nottingham City

Hoping to use the 10th anniversary to provide evidence of pharmacy first. Joint working with the LPC on PR. Task and finish group have gone through all PGD's and how can go forward. AT are taking to primary care panel in November 2013.

CCG have issues with some of the enhanced services being pushed back to them from the AT and the resources and finances to ensure can maintain these.

Contractual mechanism – ensure continue from April 2014

- only route have to commission pharmacy services is NHS Standard Contract (at the moment).

Costs of procuring small services can be greater than the contract value. This is a national issue and news of a simplified approach is awaited.

NH gave a procurement and commissioning talk at AGM but until nearer the time will not really have contractor buy in as no need to be aware of this and when know details will run again in locality / CCG based events.

MAS national service?? – drug costs will be back to CCG and supply fee from AT, but more than two years away.

Action: NH and Mindy Bassi to work together on 10th Anniversary plans

Thanks were given to Mindy for attending and Nottingham City CCG have an open invitation to future LPC meetings.

Jules Williams has sent an EPS update for members as agreed – [Attachment 2](#)

This will be added to the LPC website for contractors to see
NHIS Update to Nottinghamshire LPC – 11 October 2013

System Readiness

GP systems compatible in our area with EPS R2 are TPP SystemOne and EMIS WEB.

No change with respect to Pharmasys, software is progressing towards full roll out approval.

NATIONAL DEPLOYMENT UPDATE

Figures at 8 October 2013	Oct 13	Sep 13	May 13	Apr 13	Mar 13
GP Business Live	1,103	1,045	764	701	662
Pharmacy Business Live	10,242	10,223	9,668	9,478	9,235
Release 2 prescriptions sent	10,264,524	9,317,495	5,271,151	4,585,274	
Items dispensed and claimed	23,809,985	21,617,012	12,239,480	10,656,858	
Nominations set	3,400,907	3,089,062	1,886,563	1,693,896	

NHS England has just issued new 'Nomination Guidelines' these supersede all local nomination documents. Contractors are asked to make themselves aware of the new requirements.

LOCAL DEPLOYMENT UPDATE

Live Practices – 20 Live

Latest live Practice since last report, Tudor House Medical Practice on 23 September 2013.

Practices in Implementation - October to December 2013

Brierley Park Medical Centre, Huthwaite, 15 October

Rivergreen Medical Centre, Clifton, 21 October

Family Medical Centre, Carlton Road, 29 October

Plains View Surgery, Mapperley Top, 5 November

Family Medical Centre, Zulu Road, 7 November

Balderton Primary Care Centre, 12 November
Daybrook Medical Practice, Daybrook/Arnold, 19 November

Clifton Medical Practice has deferred their switch on from November 2013 until February 2014 due to staff absences.

No Go Lives are planned in December 2013, to ensure there is no additional impact to Pharmacy organisations over the Christmas period.

Further Plans

A further 31 Practices have now booked a Go Live slot, planning is now scheduling for June 2013, with the roll out plan fully booked until then. In addition, a further 8 Practices have booked a demonstration of the software.

EPS Release 2 – Top Tips!

- Please check your Pharmacy details are up-to-date on NHS Choices, especially the telephone number, this is the key area patients will be directed to if they enquire about live Pharmacy sites.
- An importance aspect of EPS Release 2 pharmacy readiness is that pharmacy sites need to ensure that the 'ODS code' they have configured in their system is correct, this is especially important if a site changes ownership or clinical system. The ODS code is used to set patient nominations and is also the code the Prescription Services use to pay contractors, it is sometimes known as the PPD/PPA end of month code.

Pharmacy sites **must** ensure that the ODS code has been entered in **upper case**. This is to ensure the ODS code matches what is on the Spine. Most of the pharmacy systems display the ODS code to the contractor on the screen where they can set nominations, if it doesn't then please contact your system supplier and ask them to check it on your behalf. If it is not in upper case, you may experience an issue with the nomination showing as being set on your pharmacy system, but not linking to the Spine and in this circumstance it will not show on the GP system, so EPS will not operate.

- If you encounter an issue when opening an EPS prescription which reports 'invalid digital signature' on an individual prescribers prescriptions, please report this to the GP Practice, as it is likely to be an issue with either their smartcard software, or the prescribers smartcard.

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a) **LPC Strategy / Business Plan – Attachment A (NH to provide hard copies at meeting) – items not on agenda**

Building alliances

Spoken to Steve Kell – pharmacy is not one of his areas of interest. DF spoke to Kate Fairholme, Prescribing Advisor for Bassetlaw, and she is interested in pharmacy – DF to contact again

LDC/LOC – have a good relationship but do not need to meet with them at the moment

LMC – regular dialogue and see at meetings

Secondary care – pursuing through LPN – representation Sherwood Forest, NUH and Derby hospitals now. Asked to present at the LPN – transfer of care is main shared item.

Healthwatch – Claire Grainger attending meeting today – Healthwatch are more structured than LINK – have a board with members with certain areas of interest / responsibility. Have link with the Derbyshire Healthwatch through the LPN. Recruiting for their prioritisation panel (voluntary) at the moment.

MPs – not been in contact regarding pharmacy visits recently – there have been visits through contractors though. New Health minister has been elected – Anna Soubry moved to Minister of Defence.

Media – Harlene Kithoray did a radio interview last week. Working on press releases with the NPA – when NH receives these they will be sent through to members and newspaper links.

Develop Sustain and grow

Consultations – submitted Substance Misuse response. Nottingham County Council have put out another consultation regarding weight management – agenda item. Don't always get notification of consultations so flag up if see. Asking the PSNC to lobby to be formally recognised as in NHS and then will be notified.

NHS England – flu vaccinations – will be next year – invited to the development meetings. We can hand them all the answers to the flu vaccine program but they do not have the manpower to put through the organisation meetings. In other areas it has been a slow progress. Ask on the contractor survey – how many are able / already performing flu vaccines?? If there is a shortfall on targets then could help out at short notice. Only 5 Bassetlaw pharmacies have registered to do the vaccines.

Service reviews – been to LES review meetings – only looking at next 6 months. Still waiting for national decision on whether NHS England and CCGs can commission services. Need to understand why pharmacies are not accessing these services. e.g. paperwork, fees. The services that do take part in are not reported on properly – feel could look at savings other than money.
Is there any merit in the LPC providing papers on services and patient views, barriers to the services,

Empower Service Delivery

Training - update later in meeting

Thames Valley have secured funding from the LETB – discussing this with them to see if Notts can do the same – through the LPN.

Action: DF to contact Kate Fairholme, Bassetlaw Prescribing Advisor, to invite to LPC meeting.
Action: NH to forward on the NPA press releases for Ask Your Pharmacist Week he has been helping with and forward them to contacts have with local newspapers etc.

Details of future meetings

All meetings will now have a open meeting section at 2pm – 4pm

21st November 2013	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report -Jshah</i>
12th December 2013	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ML</i>
16th January 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
20th February 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
20th March 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
10th April 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
15th May 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
19th June 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
17th July 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
21st August 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
18th September 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
16th October 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
20th November 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>
11th December 2014	10 am – 5pm	<i>White Post Farnsfield</i>	<i>CCA report - ??</i>

Next meeting is on Thursday 21st November 2013 at The White Post Inn, Farnsfield – start at 9.30am

Minutes agreed as true and accurate record at the LPC meeting on 21st November 2013

Signed: _____
Rob Severn, Chair, Nottinghamshire LPC