

Newsletter

North Yorkshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee

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General news, events and information

LPC APPOINTMENTS

At the July meeting and AGM, the committee re-elected Liz Colling as Chair, and Ian Dean as Vice Chair and treasurer.

The July LPC meeting reviewed the workplan and budget for the remainder of 2014. There are a number of initiatives the LPC feels are important to support to ensure we are fit for the future and that contractors have increased opportunities for new services.

The LPC reviewed the levy, which has been unchanged for many years and agreed that a modest increase to LPC income of £1, 000 per month would be sufficient to meet this need.

This levy increase equates to an average increase of 1p per £100 of NHS turnover for contractors.



NHS FLU VACCINATION FROM PHARMACIES

We have succeeded in getting this commissioned across the North Yorkshire and Humber region.

The rate is the national rate as agreed for both general practice and any other providers, plus vaccine cost plus vat.

The LPC has agreed to fund the cost of PharmOutcomes as the reporting platform; this was necessary to secure the commissioning of the service.

Unfortunately, pharmacists will need to fund the accreditation training itself; the LPC can organise sessions and fund the venues/refreshments for those needing it.

Please click on this link to let us know your training needs for this service;

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B6LXYZS>

Expressions of interest will soon be arriving to all pharmacies from the area team.

Full details to follow by email; if you do not currently receive this Newsletter and other LPC information by email, you will need to send an email address to Hazel to be added to the LPC database.

EPS UPDATE & UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS

This is continuing to roll out slowly across the County with issues on pharmacy support during the go-live periods having now been resolved.

Pharmacy support from the CSU (funded by the Area Team of NHS England) will now include;



1. Visit pharmacies associated with the practice for their “kick off” session before the go live date, to ensure all systems within the pharmacy are in place
2. Business process change session in conjunction with local practice to review how current prescribing and dispensing processes will change and to look at continuity planning
3. On go-live day, each pharmacy will be visited to ensure the process is working and this will be followed up post go-live with ongoing support to resolve problems.

Regular updates on the latest deployments are sent out by the LPC by e-mail.

| CCG | Practice | Post code | status | Go live date |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|
| NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG | Mowbray House Surgery | DL7 8FW | Ordered | 03/10/2014 |
| | Stokesley Surgery | TS9 5DY | Live | N/A |
| | Egton Surgery | YO21 1TX | Live | N/A |
| NHS Harrogate and Rural District CCG | Dr Df Bannatyne + Partners | HG1 4HG | Live | N/A |
| | East Parade Surgery | HG1 5AR | Live | N/A |
| | Park Parade Surgery | HG1 5AR | Live | N/A |
| | St.luke's Medical Practice | HG1 5AR | Live | N/A |
| | The Spa Surgery | HG1 5AR | Live | N/A |
| | Dr Young + Partners | HG1 5JP | Live | N/A |
| | The Leeds Road Practice | HG2 8AY | Live | N/A |
| | North House Surgery | HG4 1HL | Live | N/A |
| | Eastgate Medical Group | HG5 0AD | Live | N/A |
| | Stockwell Road Surgery | HG5 0JY | Live | N/A |
| NHS Scarborough and Ryedale CCG | Scarborough Medical Group | YO12 6UA | Ordered | 14/10/2014 |
| | Peasholm Surgery | YO12 7RE | Ordered | 21/10/2014 |
| | Hunmanby Surgery | YO14 0NN | Ordered | 23/09/2014 |
| NHS Vale OF York CCG | South Milford Surgery | LS25 5AA | Ordered | 12/08/2014 |
| | Unity Health | YO10 4DU | Live | N/A |
| | Priory Medical Group | YO24 3WX | Live | N/A |
| | Clifton Medical Practice | YO30 6PS | Live | N/A |
| | Scott Road Medical Centre | YO8 4BL | Live | N/A |
| | Beech Tree Surgery | YO8 9AJ | Ordered | 28/08/2014 |
| NHS Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG | Kilmeny Surgery | BD21 1LA | Live | N/A |
| | Grassington Medical Centre | BD23 5LS | Live | N/A |
| | Addingham Surgery | LS29 0LZ | Live | N/A |

EPS EVENT, SCARBOROUGH

You are invited to attend a Pharmacy Readiness Event for the rollout of Electronic Prescriptions Release 2 which is starting to roll out across North Yorkshire. Primarily, this event is to provide pharmacies with all information necessary to prepare for go live readiness, and is open to Pharmacists and Technicians/Dispensing assistants.

-  EPS Overview
-  Getting Ready for EPS
-  Local updates and information
-  The local deployment plan.
-  Questions

Event Details: Wednesday September 17th 2014
Scarborough Rugby Club, Silver Royd, 569 Scalby Rd, Scalby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 0NL - free parking available.

A buffet will be available from 6.15pm; the event will start at 7.00pm until 9.00pm.

Speakers from the National EPS programme, the Commissioning Support Unit, and an pharmacist with EPSr2 hands on experience will be presenting and available for questions.
Book by September 10th to secure your place.

To book, click on the following link; <http://www.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventid=2139029511>

EHC ACCREDITATION TRAINING AND NEWS

Levonorgestrel and ulipristal remain suitable emergency contraceptives for all women, regardless of bodyweight

Emergency contraceptives remain suitable for all women regardless of weight or body mass index (BMI) and should be taken as soon as possible after unprotected sexual intercourse or contraceptive failure. A review of available studies on the relationship between increasing body weight or BMI and efficacy of emergency contraceptives considered the data to be inconclusive. Although some studies suggested a possible reduction in efficacy with increasing body weight, other studies showed no such trend; the data are limited and inconclusive. Overall the evidence suggests that emergency contraceptives are suitable for all women regardless of body weight or BMI.

ACCREDITATION TRAINING

| NORTH YORKSHIRE (NYCC) PHARMACIES | YORK (CYC) PHARMACIES |
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| <p>We are hoping to eventually follow the declaration of competence route for accreditation, but for this year in the interim, NYCC has organised (via CSU) some accreditation events in July for Harrogate and Scarborough; pharmacists on the LPC database were emailed the flyer for these events. Further event in Northallerton in September, details to follow.</p> | <p>York local authority (City of York Council) have agreed with the proposal that accreditation for EHC can be by declaration of competence - full details were sent to pharmacies by post and also be email via the LPC. Pharmacies have to agree to these proposals in order to continue providing the service.</p> |

GPhC Inspection event July 2014

The event was very well attended and a Q&A session gave attendees chance to clarify areas. The presentation is on the LPC website <http://psnc.org.uk/north-yorkshire-lpc/our-events/lpc-agm-and-gphc-standards-event/>

Here is the summary from an LPC member, Bhavin Morjaria;

The main point I would stress is that we need to make sure all our members of staff understand why they do what they do, and the importance of their role within the pharmacy to ensure safety. Staff need to be aware that during the inspection they will play a huge part in how the pharmacy is reflected and consequently the award given. It is clearly important your paperwork is up to date and in order. Risk is a major factor and we need to assess and control our risk in accordance with the services we provide to our patients and the number of items we dispense.

Do not be alarmed with the length of the inspection as it may take 4 hours, or disheartened if you are awarded a satisfactory rating. Only a few pharmacies have achieved a good rating and none with an excellent rating to date. This process is still in its prototype phase, and there will be an opportunity to see what 'good' looks like, to allow us to ensure that on next inspection we achieve this or the desired excellent status.

Check the GPhC has the correct email address for your pharmacy, the superintendent and the pharmacy owner as the follow up correspondence will be conducted electronically.

NEW SERVICE PROPOSALS



ALCOHOL BRIEF INTERVENTION SERVICE

The LPC put forward a service proposal to the alcohol strategy group for North Yorkshire and York late 2013. This was put on hold until the Drug and Alcohol procurement process for North Yorkshire was completed. This is now back on the table and we are hopeful that an enhanced service will shortly be agreed with the Local Authorities.

CRAVEN PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE

Craven Airedale and Wharfedale CCG have agreed to commission a "Pharmacy First" minor ailments service in line with the scheme currently run in Bradford. (this was negotiated by Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire who cover this CCG, but will include Craven Pharmacies) We have yet to reach agreement for any such scheme across the rest of North Yorkshire, but it is high on our priorities with any discussions with CCGs.

SCARBOROUGH & RYEDALE CCG RESPIRATORY TRAINING EVENT

Re: Improving patient compliance with best practice inhaler techniques & discussing other topics for future joint working

Date: Tuesday 30th September 2014

Time: 19.00-20.45 (buffet from 18.30)

Venue: Scarborough Rugby Club Silver Royd, 569 Scalby Rd, Scalby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 0NL

Full details to follow.

SCARBOROUGH & RYEDALE CCG EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF REPEAT MEDICINES SERVICE

We are currently working with this CCG to develop a service to provide patients with emergency repeat medicines at NHS expense. Further details to follow once this has been agreed.

PHARMOUTCOMES

At the July LPC meeting, the committee agreed to purchase this platform for services on behalf of contractors and then recharge to commissioners who wish to use it for services. This system has benefits for both pharmacy (collation of data to build up an evidence base, easy to use to record activity and submit invoices) and commissioners (easier invoicing, excellent data analysis, and allows commissioners to contact pharmacies directly by email through the system)

Further details to follow.

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The questionnaire deadline has now passed and the responses from the various stakeholders is currently being analysed. Data for the pharmacies that didn't respond will be tabulated from the area team and the local authorities. The final draft will be sent round for consultation later this year.

Contractual and NHS information

REMINDER: PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLETS

A recent complaint, from a patient in North Yorkshire, made to NHS England provides a useful reminder for contractors and pharmacy teams about the need to provide a patient information leaflet (PIL) with every dispensed medicine (unless all the required information is on the labelling of the package).

This means that when a prescribed quantity does not coincide with an original manufacturer's pack there may be a need to provide one PIL with one portion, and obtain another PIL to supply with the remaining portion. Spare leaflets can be obtained from manufacturers, or may be downloaded and printed. Contractors can access PILs from either the manufacturer's website or from www.medicines.org.uk.

Pharmacy contractors should review their standard operating procedures to ensure that sufficient leaflets are obtained to supply with each medicine.

Please note that every split pack will result in the pharmacy contractor automatically being paid the split pack fee.

Read the story in full at psnc.org.uk/our-news/reminder-patient-information-leaflets

LOCAL PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

The Area Team has now confirmed there is funding to take forward the LPN and expressions of interest will soon be sought for pharmacist to be part of the steering group or the task and finish groups.

CONTRACT APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS AND CHANGES

Pending applications

Whitby -No significant change relocation –Day Lewis Pharmacy, 61 Baxtergate YO21 1BL to 10 The Parade, White Point Rd, YO21 3JP. The area team did not grant this application as they felt it was a significant change due to the distance of the proposed premises outside of the town centre. This has now gone to appeal.

Changes of Ownership;

Harrogate; Pathvalley Limited to Gorgemead Limited – trading from 52-54 King Edwards Drive, Harrogate, HG1 4HL

York ; Lloyds Pharmacy, Gale Farm Surgery, 109-119 Front Street Acomb YO24 3BU to Gale Farm Healthcare LLP t/a Gale Farm Pharmacy (from 21/4/14)

York ; Europharma Care Ltd t/a Parkers pharmacy to Rishbat Ltd t/a Parkers Pharm,acy, 61 North Moor Rd, Huntington YO32 9QN

York ; Pathvalley Limited to Gorgemead Limited – trading from 22 Gillgate, York, YO31 7EQ ngranted by NHS England

LPC WEBSITE

The new look LPC Website is up and running.

Newsletters, agendas, news items, minutes and local resources will be published on the LPC website which can be accessed via the psnc.org.uk website (open access, no password required).

Suggestions for what you might like to find on the website will be gratefully received.

FUTURE LPC MEETINGS;

September 18th (Boroughbridge)

November 20th 2014 (Boroughbridge)

January 22nd 2015 (Scarborough)

Any pharmacist can attend any LPC meeting as an observer, contact the Chief Officer for details. A bi-monthly Newsletter will be sent out to update you on important issues and full copies of the minutes of LPC meetings (non-confidential matters only) are available via the LPC website. The Chief Officer has a database for people wishing to receive information items and Newsletters electronically; anyone wishing to be added to this list, please e-mail Hazel on hazeldmarsden@msn.com
Any queries regarding the LPC or community pharmacy issues should be made to the Chief Officer preferably by email. Feedback on the work of the LPC always welcome.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM THIS NEWSLETTER

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| NHS Flu service & training | Watch out for expression of interest information and complete survey monkey | |
| EPS | Register for Scarborough event | |
| LPC data base | Register your email address with Hazel if you don't receive Newsletters etc by email | |
| EHC training York area | Complete declaration of competence | |
| EHC training North Yorkshire | Watch out for Northallerton event details | |