

**Pharmacy Sub Group
Tuesday 16th June 2009
Meeting Room Building 2**

Present: James Glanville (Acting Head of Primary Care Commissioning), Oksana Riley (Prescribing Advisor), Sue Taylor (Devon LPC), David Bearman (PEC), Janet Newport (Head of Clinical Gov), James Short (Director of Primary Care), David Connelly (Chairman PCT), Philip Dawes, (DevonLPC & Pharmacist), Martin Cappell (Area Manager Boots), Stacey Burch (Administrative & Contracting Assistant – Minutes)

Apologies Roy Craft (I.T), Mark Stone (LPC),

Minutes from last meeting

The membership of the group has changed as a result of discussions at the recent pharmacy visioning day and Martin Cappell and Phillip Dawes were welcomed.

Actions

Review of Terms

A draft terms of reference issued out and discussed. This needs amending to represent the group correctly. In particular the group needs to act as a focal point for moving the Pharmacy White Paper and WCC agendas forward.

JG

Essential Services

Repeat Dispensing –

OR produced a graph showing a steady increase in repeat dispensing. The medicines management team continue to work hard on increasing numbers

ETP

The final Pharmacy is about to sign up to ETP; the 100% take up in Plymouth is very good when compared to other PCTs nationally.

Disposal unwanted medicines

The pharmaceutical waste contract with SCRL ends in March 2010. A procurement process involving NHS Plymouth, Devon PCT & Torbay Care Trust is underway; Devon PCT are leading this process

Health Promotion – The next Health Promotion Campaign on skin cancer will begin on 1st July 2009. Torbay Care Trust are taking the lead on this campaign

Clinical Governance

JS has agreed to provide some investment for clinical governance training of pharmacy staff. Members of the group to give thought about topics for training and report back at the next meeting.

All

4.0 **Advanced Services**

The joint LPC/PCT project which will evaluate the quality of and promote the MUR service in Plymouth is underway. Once the results have been evaluated a plan will be formulated to promote best use of MURs and some directed MURs will be developed.

5.0 **Enhanced Services**

Needle & Syringe Exchange –

The new LES has still not be written and PCT and LPC have been waiting since end of last year for the DAAT and Harbour to undertake this work. There is concern in the group that this has not moved forward. JS to email Wendy Hannon and ask for an explanation. JS

Supervised consumption –

No update

EHC –

JG recently met with Jane Michie from the Sexual Health Team. A Chlamydia screening LES will be offered to pharmacies currently providing EHC services, it is hoped this service will start by October 2009. In addition to this two pharmacies in the town centre will be asked to take part in a Chlamydia treatment pilot.

Weight Management –

No feedback has been received recently and JG has asked for a catch-up with Richard Balcon from Pharmacy Alliance at the end of month. Full year figures are required before a real evaluation can begin.

COPD – No update received.

6 **Pharmacy Visioning Day - outputs**

The group looked at the outputs from the pharmacy visioning day. It was agreed that OR and JG would meet with the LPC to discuss the three proposed new enhanced services for community pharmacy – Minor Ailments, Smoking Cessation and Emergency Supply of Out of Hours Medication.

World Class Commissioning

JG produced an overview of the World Class Commissioning – Improving Pharmaceutical Services recently Mapping the Baseline. There are a number of key areas in which work need to be undertaken. They are:

- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)
- Mapping and Benchmarking Existing Service Provision
- Developing Future Services
- Service Quality and Performance
- Public and Patient Information

JG to produce a plan to move this forward

- Developing the Market
- PCT Board level responsibility

Swine Flu

The group talked about the recent confusion at a national level when the PCT were informed that the multiple pharmacy chains would not sign up as antiviral collection points. This contradicted local discussions as all pharmacies in Plymouth with the exception of Sainsbury's had indicated they would sign up to the PCT LES. Community pharmacists in Plymouth were thanked for their co-operation and wiliness to sign up as antiviral collection points. JG to meet with the LPC to discuss fee's for the Antiviral Collection Point LES.

AOB

Vascular Health Checks – The business plan for the service was not approved by PEC and is being looked at in further detail.

Time, Date and Venue for next meeting

15th September 2009