

Torbay LPC Sub Committee Meeting

Monday 8th February 2010

Torbay Care Trust

Present: Chris Babbs, Annemarie Ellard, Simon Gardner, Nigel Gray, Mark Healey, Bernadette Hinder, Tracey Kerslake, Andrew Lane, Karen O'Brien, Iain Roberts, Sue Taylor, Helen Thorne, Lyn Ware,

Apologies John Hinder, Mercedes Hughes

Agenda item	Notes:	Action
<p>Information Governance</p>	<p>Helen Thorn attended for this item. Helen is the Information Governance lead for the Care Trust. Pharmacy contractors will be required to complete the baseline assessment by the 31st March 2010. PSNC has published a comprehensive workbook and training manual for the counter staff. Following completion of the baseline assessment an action plan to obtain Level 2 will have to be prepared and shared with the Care Trust. The overall aim of IG is to provide assurance that information within the pharmacy is safe and secure. Members highlighted some of the difficulties and concern about linkages to the pharmacy contractual framework; also about the limited time available to complete the work. Sue suggested that Helen could work with a local independent contractor to go through the baseline assessment, identify any problems and then issue a local communication out to all contractors. it was likely that an evening session would then be arranged to look at the action planning process.</p> <p>Action: Sue to put Helen in touch with a local contractor; Helen and Tracey to liaise over links to contractual requirements; communication then to be sent out to contractors.</p>	<p>Sue Taylor/Helen Thorne/Tracey Kerslake</p>
<p>Health Promotion Champions</p>	<p>Lyn Ware attended to present the concept of health promotion champions based on a model running in Gloucestershire. The overall aim was to improve the quality of the health promotion campaigns by training a lead member of staff for each pharmacy so that they could take ownership of the campaigns, build their knowledge base and skills in the specific topics. The campaigns would be reduced to three per year, run over a longer period e.g. four to six weeks, and staff would be offered day time workshops (3 per year). The members agreed in principle, it was felt staff could be released for a 2.5 hour session during a day.</p> <p>Action: Sue and Lyn to liaise over training and programme.</p>	<p>Lyn Ware/ Sue Taylor</p>
<p>Branded Generic Prescribing</p>	<p>Iain Roberts outlined the recent proposals from the Medicines Management team that had been presented to the GP Medicines Management Forum, relating to the NHS budgetary concerns. The Torbay Care Trust has to reduce its prescribing budget by £1m to achieve QUIP targets. A local enhanced service for general practice had been proposed, whereby GPs will have a pick list of suggested drug changes to choose from; for example Co-Codamol 30/500 tablets to Zapain tablets, Venlafaxine XL capsules to Viapax XL capsules, Fentanyl patches to Matrifen patches, Salbutamol 100mcg/puff inhaler to Ventolin Inhaler. Whilst the members appreciated the current financial constraints imposed on the NHS there is much concern about the impact on the community pharmacy</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>funding mechanism. Pharmacy has already provided year on year efficiency gains of 3% and has done since the start of the contractual framework. Contract funding is around 90% of the remuneration received by an average community pharmacy; the national contract allows for 25% of pharmacy remuneration to come from the purchase profit. The revenue from local enhanced services is relatively insignificant as it is around 1% of total revenue received. The financial impact of the local proposals is likely to be a loss of £8k-£10k on a Torbay pharmacy and will prove a short term gain only for the local commissioner. Other points raised included the potential impact on staffing levels and a loss of service delivery. There was also concern about the loss of goodwill from pharmacies and a deterioration in local working relationships with GPs.</p> <p>Other proposals had been considered as part of the overall LES including working on hospital discharge, medication use in care homes. The members felt that community pharmacy needed to be involved in the early stages of the proposals being drawn up rather than having changes imposed without the benefit of involvement and consultation.</p> <p>In terms of moving forward, it was suggested that a small working group be convened to investigate joint ways of working with pharmacy, GPs and the Care Trust, as it was felt that other solutions could be found. Action: Sue, Iain and other relevant staff from the Care Trust, Karen O'Brien, Mark Stone to set aside some time to come up with proposals and to review the overall strategic approach to pharmacy within Torbay.</p>	
<p>CHUMs report on Care Homes</p>	<p>Anne Marie asked what actions the Care Trust were taking in relation to the CHUMs report investigating rates of medication errors in care homes for older people and the implications of the LES for pharmaceutical advice to care homes. She had carried out an audit of the interventions she made with care homes that were over and above the normal dispensing responsibilities and had prepared a briefing paper for the group.</p> <p>Tracey Kerslake informed the meeting that the existing LES had been evaluated copies of which would be circulated. It was not intended to re commission the LES in its existing format but that a review was being carried out by medicines management (Iain Roberts). He felt that there were three strands to the report; clinical medication reviews, the inspection role and staff (care home) training, and that the report was pivotal in driving forward change in care home management of medication.</p> <p>Mark Healey pointed out that this would be very short notice to inform contractors that the current service would not be recommissioned and asked that a robust process be put in place in terms of ensuring reviews and arrangements for services were put in place in a timely fashion. Action: Simon Gardner and Anne Marie Ellard to be involved in the redesign work for the management of medication in care homes. Iain Roberts to liaise.</p>	<p>Iain Roberts/ AnneMarie Ellard/ Simon Gardner</p>
<p>Future meeting dates</p>	<p>Monday 17th May 2010; Monday 6th September 2010; Monday 6th December 2010.</p>	<p>LPC</p>