

Notes from Torbay Locality Forum held on 18th May 2011

The evening started with a discussion led by Mark Stone about the Torbay Asthma MUR scheme and how it has progressed so far. A couple of people present were actively undertaking MURs using this scheme, with several others present who had been to the initial briefing sessions but who had seen less activity from the scheme. [I don't know if Mark wants to add anything to this, or perhaps has already given you some information?]

Adrian Tebby then gave a presentation based on the just published details of the New Medicine Service (NMS), and there was a good discussion about the benefits of the proposed service, which most people present thought appears to be a more practical, useful scheme than the MUR service. The powerpoint presentation used was from the PSNC and can be accessed here:

http://www.psn.org.uk/data/files/PharmacyContract/Contract_changes_2011/contract_changes_presentation_for_website_may_2011.ppt

Adrian then also gave some information on how the PSNC's Pharmabase system is expected to be useful for helping pharmacies with the administration of the New Medicine Service, and briefly touched upon the current situation with Pharmabase in the different Devon PCTs, and the current release of Pharmabase, which some pharmacies already have login details to be able to use.

The handout given out on the evening is a PSNC information sheet, available here:

http://www.psn.org.uk/pages/pharmabase_-_information_for_pharmacy_contractors.html

More information, including a powerpoint presentation and other information sheets is available from the Pharmabase section of the PSNC website, here:

http://www.psn.org.uk/data/files/PharmaBase/pharmabase_presentation_for_contractors_and_lpcs_jan_2011.ppt

Finally, a targetted public health campaign will soon be running in certain areas of Devon and Cornwall, aimed at early diagnosis of lung cancer. Although we don't have specific details yet and the campaign will not be part of the core contract requirements pharmacies in certain areas will be receiving leaflets and shelf edge information and are being asked by the Peninsula Cancer Network to assist in the running of this campaign.