

## Minutes of Torbay Locality Forum Meeting

### Attendance List:

Bernadette Hinder, Janice James, Andrew Mawhinney, Tina Pope, Martin Potten, Denise Read, Alison Spray, Lesley Walsh, Jolanta Warchol, Doug Williamson, Brian Morrison, Samantha Fowler

1) Simon Gardner thanked everybody for their attendance and apologised for the previous meeting having been cancelled, and that some people had not been aware of the cancellation

2) Rose Bristow gave a presentation on the current waste contracts and the implications of not separating waste into the correct containers. The audience raised concerns that there was no way to dispose of sharps such as Byetta, Epipens etc in the current waste scheme. It was also noted that the current knowledge within the pharmacies locally of what should go into each type of container was limited and Rose stated that she was working with the PCT to generate a new reference sheet for pharmacies. It was also noted that pharmacists are being asked to declare that they have only put the correct type of waste in the containers upon collection and that individual waste could be traced back to an individual contractor by the tag applied (this raised a concern for locums who do not work in stores regularly but may be asked to sign the declaration). It was felt that this was a worthwhile subject for the meeting and was very informative, but it was a shame there was nobody from the PCT in attendance to discuss some of the issues with.

3) Simon Gardner gave a brief overview of some of the issues being spoken about by the GPhC inspector in the locality.

- a) Use of the old RPSGB numbers is no longer optional but still being seen on his visits
- b) Use of old RPSGB responsible pharmacist signs should no longer occur
- c) Re-emphasised the need to ensure that all fees were paid by 25<sup>th</sup> Nov if using DD or 30<sup>th</sup> November otherwise and the cost implications if this did not happen.
- d) A brief overview of the rate of CPD being called up and some of the issues that the inspectorate is seeing with it. Also that if your CPD is called up now that it is 15 pieces that need to be submitted not the 9 yearly ones. That it is better to be concise and accurate with CPD entries rather than long in depth rhetoric. Both Doug Williamson and Simon Gardner have had theirs called up and Simon has offered to look at others entries if they would like any advice

### 4) Asthma MURs

Simon Gardner was asked by the LPC to look at the Asthma MUR initiative and take feedback from the people at the meeting. In general only one person had said they had seen a prescription marked for referral for an Asthma MUR from a GP, however she did not realise that this was what the mark meant. In general there were no referrals from the GPs occurring. Nobody had, had any discussions with their surgeries, but committed to going back to discuss it with them going

forward. Nobody had completed any paperwork, as they believed it was a referral service only so they had not used the paperwork on non referred patients MURs. Knowledge of the process was limited. Most people asked for another evening to be held to allow people unable to attend the first meeting (mainly locums and store managers) to catch up with the training / process, as there was only 1 date provided for training. There has also been a request that the LPC discuss with the PCT surrounding driving the service through surgeries.

#### 5) Torbay PNA

There was a general apathy and lack of knowledge about the Torbay PNA within the room. Simon Gardner explained the importance of the PNA to the group and explained that there had been certain inaccuracies found in the data that had been published. Simon Explained that the deadline for feedback had been extended and the group agreed to go and check their own data and feedback to the PCT if they felt necessary on the feedback forms the LPC had produced.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm