



Welcome to the January edition of our Newsletter and we hope that all our contractors had a happy Christmas. We wish you all a peaceful and successful 2010.

A few changes within your LPC

Last September Tim Coaker, LPC Chairman, resigned due to personal circumstances and we are grateful for his commitment and experience he brought to our LPC. In the meantime, until the election which takes place shortly, Shabbir Damani, Vice Chair, has taken over as Chairman and Peter Schofield has taken over as Vice Chair.

LPC Elections 2010

You will have all received, in the post and via email, documents regarding the up coming elections. The LPC works hard to ensure the levy monies received is used to provide support and services to our contractors – we do this by working with the local PCTs to develop and enhance services within our area. The elections happen every four years and we encourage you to take an active part in electing the committee members – remember the members represent **you** at a local level.

For those who have wondered what the LPC does well now is your chance to get involved by putting your self forward for nomination. As the LPC represents all contractors – independents and Company Chemists association (CCA) the process for nomination and election differ. For CCAs the selection will be made by the CCA. For the independent contractors you will need to fill out the nomination form which has been sent to you. Remember to complete all the sections fully – **especially the name and address of the two people who are supporting your nomination. The form needs to be sent to the LPC administrator by 22 January 2010.**

If you need any further information than contact the LPC administrator Navaz Bulsara via email: secretary@cambslpc.org.uk or telephone: 07891 542878.

Guidance on Service Continuity Planning for Pharmacy.

It is important that all pharmacies have a business continuity plan in place; there is guidance on the PSNC website regarding Service Continuity planning which is designed to help community pharmacies continue operating in emergency circumstances. It has been co-developed by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee and Community Pharmacy Wales.

All contractors were emailed the documents in November last year, however you can also access these documents from the PSNC website by going on to:

www.psn.org.uk/publications_detail.php/84guidance_on_service_continuity_planning_for_pharmacy

If you can not open the link then go on to the PSNC website: www.psn.org.uk Click on the Resources tab and then on the right hand Publications Database; click on list all publications scroll down to the bottom and click on page 4 and you will find the documents under: Guidance on Service Continuity Planning for Pharmacy 3 March 2008.

Peterborough Stop Smoking Service

Last year some Peterborough pharmacy contractors expressed concerns about NHS Peterborough's promotion of Stop Smoking Services, which appeared to favour one contractor. Your LPC has had a positive dialogue with the PCT's communication team; which has resulted in an acceptable promotion campaign. Hopefully this positive outcome will mean an increase in "quitters" in Peterborough.

EHC Scheme and paperwork

There have been changes made to the old emergency hormonal contraception scheme and the aim is to reduce the number of unintended conceptions within the PCT area through multi-professional partnership working and by extending emergency contraception provision. Levonelle 1500® may **only** be supplied by a pharmacist who has received the appropriate training.

Information Governance (toolkit)

By now you will have heard about the IG toolkit and the online assessment that all pharmacists have to complete. This has come about as a result of the high profile data losses by Government departments in 2007 and therefore information governance priority has been increased within the NHS.

To safeguard personal information each Pharmacy must be able to provide assurances that all staff have been made aware of their legal obligations to keep personal information confidential and secure. Furthermore it needs to be evidenced that there is in place management of personal information.

Each pharmacy will need to register their premises and complete an online assessment, which is to be submitted to the PCT by end of March 2010. The PSNC are developing a workbook which aims to provide guidance and support for pharmacies in meeting requirements and completing the online IG toolkit.

A hard copy of the Workbook will be posted to every pharmacy on the 22 January 2010. For more up to date and relevant information please have a look on the PSNC website: www.psn.org.uk

The Recent Bad Weather

The PCTs are extremely grateful and wishes to thank all contractors for working hard to ensure the pharmacy network ran smoothly, during the recent bad weather.

How do we contact you

There are many times when we need to send you important information regarding urgent matters—e.g., in case of a flu pandemic. Therefore it is essential that we have your correct contact details. Please email your name, name of pharmacy, telephone number, and email address so that we can update your details.

LPC Meeting

The next LPC meeting is on Wednesday 10th March 2010; 9.00am at Brampton Park Golf Club, Brampton, Huntingdon, PE28 4NF. If you are interested in attending as an observer please contact the administrator, Navaz Bulsara, on 07891 542878.

Write to us and tell us your story

We would like you to be part of our news letter so if you have any examples of good practice or any ideas, hints and tips you would like to share; any items for the news letter then please contact the administrator.

LPC contact details

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