

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

NORTH OF TYNE LPC COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 7th February 2017

Time: 18.30 – 20.00

Location: Toby Carvery, Kenton Bank, Ponteland Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3TY

PRESENT:

Name	Organisation	Affiliation
Amanda Lertoria	Lloyds	CCA
Debbie Baird-Palmer	Boots	CCA
Daniel Stephenson	Boots	CCA
Hannah Lubbeke	Well	CCA
Chris Dodd	Gill & Schofield	Independent
Keith Kendall	NoT LPC	Vice-Chair
Jean Banks	NoT LPC	Chair
Christine Wardlaw	NoT LPC	Treasurer
Stephen Blackman	NoT LPC	Chief Officer
Ann Gunning	NoT LPC	Head of Services & Support
Andrew Stephenson	NoT LPC	Information Officer

MEETING:

Item	Discussion	Decisions and Action Points
	What should the LPC do next?	
	<p>LPC has built £5000 into next year's budget to help pharmacies with the cuts that they are facing from the government.</p> <p>The committee recognises that companies are sending a lot of information to pharmacies which seems over-whelming. To combat this, the LPC will send out information but will break it down into different steps. Step 1 has already been sent to contractors concerning the gateway criteria.</p>	

	<p>It is discussed that there is a need for regular updates for contractors from the LPC while also providing face-to-face sessions for those who want practical help. This may include demonstrations of how to complete certain procedures.</p> <p>CD notes the need for proportioned spending in terms of what areas need support, especially on a local level. Importance of survey on PharmOutcomes.</p> <p>Contractors who find it difficult to work I.T systems will be hardest to reach.</p> <p>Discussion over HLP health champion training. LPC asks whether this is something to spend the set aside funds on. £60 to take exam. Inform contractors of this cost to make sure they know the price.</p> <p>LPC asks committee for approval to keep using funds to help and inform pharmacists.</p>	
	HLP	Unanimous agreement.
	<p>The committee recognises that Healthy Living Pharmacy is important when considering cuts. However, HLP has a low sustainability due to the high cost and pharmacists not having the confidence to implement the service in store.</p> <p>Discussion over using allotted amount in budget to fund HLP training across Northumberland, North Tyneside and Newcastle.</p>	
	AOB	
	<p>SB approached by film company working to lower obesity levels in the north east. Asked if LPC would support them. Could be part of the HLP campaign.</p>	Committee approves.