

Meeting held on Thursday 27 November 2014, 09:00 to 12:00
Meeting room 231, Second Floor, Preston Business Centre,
Watling Street Road, Fulwood, Preston PR2 8DY

Present:

Dr Chris Clayton (Chair) – Blackburn with Darwen	Mrs Jan Ledward – Greater Preston/Chorley and South Ribble
Dr Ann Bowman – Greater Preston	Mr Mike Maguire – West Lancashire
Dr Mike Ions – East Lancashire	Mr David Bonson – Blackpool
Dr John Caine – West Lancashire	Mr Peter Tinson – Fylde and Wyre
Dr Tony Naughton – Fylde and Wyre	
Mr Andrew Bennett – Lancashire North	

In attendance:

Mrs Linda Riley - LCSU	Ms Preeti Sud – NHS England (Item 2)
Mr Carl Ashworth - LCSU	Mr Peter Elton – NHS England (Item 2)
Ms Samantha Nicol – Healthier Lancashire Programme (Item 3)	Ms Kathryn Chester – Greater Preston/Chorley and South Ribble (Minutes)
Mr Richard Jones – NHS England	

1. Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interests

Dr Chris Clayton welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Dr Gora Bangi, Dr Amanda Doyle, Mrs Debbie Nixon, Ms Susan Warburton, Dr Alex Gaw, Ms Jenny Scott, and Ms Karen Sharrocks. There were no declarations of interests in relation to agenda items.

2. Respiratory Network for Lancashire

Ms Preeti Sud and Mr Peter Elton gave a presentation on respiratory care in Lancashire.

Specific highlights included:

- Lancashire has the worst premature mortality rate for lung disease in England.
- Respiratory emergency admissions feature strongly in the top 10 emergency admissions by diagnosis in Lancashire.
- The average length of hospital stay for COPD in Lancashire is above the national average.
- The number of COPD non elective zero day admissions in Lancashire has reduced.
- In 2012/13 the Lancashire Area Team had 11,393 undiagnosed COPD cases, and 35,164 undiagnosed asthma cases.
- A national respiratory strategy has been published. There are NICE guidelines for COPD and asthma. There are commissioning toolkits and other resources available, and a virtual network is being established nationally (Respiratory Futures).
- Ms Sud agreed to help CCGs to take stock of the current situation and acknowledged the challenges and opportunities for improving quality of respiratory services across Lancashire.

Action

- CCGs to confirm their respiratory lead and provide Ms Sud with this information.

3. Healthier Lancashire

Dr Clayton welcomed Ms Samantha Nicol to the meeting. Ms Nicol updated members on the Healthier Lancashire Programme:

- Healthier Lancashire was covered on the agenda at the recent Executive Group meeting.
- A Healthier Lancashire Summit has recently taken place and was attended by 115 people.
- The Lancashire Leadership Forum is taking place on 27 November, and the Healthier Lancashire draft Purpose Document will be presented at this meeting.

- Members to review the document over the next 2 weeks, and provide feedback to Ms Nichol. An amended document will then be produced in January 2015.
- The next phase of Healthier Lancashire commences on 5 February 2015.
- The Purpose Document will confirm whether tasks are most suitable to be completed locally by CCGs or whether they should be completed at a Lancashire level.
- Lancashire County Council Budget cuts could impact on Healthier Lancashire.
- Members requested further clarity regarding organisations that are supportive of Healthier Lancashire, and those that are not supportive.

4. and 5. Primary Care Co-commissioning and Specialised Commissioning

Mr Richard Jones provided an NHS England update on primary care co-commissioning and specialised commissioning:

- NHS England will be announcing new operational commissioning directors on 28th November.
- There will be a new appointment for the Lancashire and Greater Manchester area.
- There will be a 50% reduction in VSM appointments across the North of England, and a voluntary redundancy package will be available.
- The new roles will go live at the end of January 2015.
- CCGs will be expected to take on some extra roles from NHS England.
- NHS England will monitor the performance of the new system and provide assurance. Should any failure be identified, NHS England will be able to intervene and use its' powers.
- NHS England's 5 year forward view is to encourage local systems to build on existing work, and co-commissioning to ensure the focus for Lancashire is not lost.
- Some specialised commissioning is returning to CCGs as part of Tier 3 services.
- These include neurology outpatients and referrals, renal dialysis, bariatric surgery and specialised wheelchairs.
- CCGs will be advised as to who is providing these services, and co-commissioning will commence in 2015.
- A national group has been created to review the budgets for specialised commissioning.
- The implementation of specialised commissioning services will be discussed at the CCB meeting, and then discussed at the Network on 18th December.
- Specialised Commissioning Boards to be set up for Tiers 2 and 3 by February 2015, and South Cumbria to be included in the planning.

Actions

- Members to identify any statutory actions that are required in order to implement specialised commissioning.
- Co-commissioning Board to pick up the issue of specialised commissioning and raise significant issues for the Network to consider.

6. Minutes of CCG Network Meeting Held on 30 October 2014

Mrs Linda Riley advised of an error within agenda item 7 on page 2 of the minutes. This should read as the Lead Provider Framework with prices will be ready for January 2015 and not September 2015.

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2014 were accepted as an accurate record.

7. Matters Arising and Action Sheet

The Chairman sought and obtained confirmation that the actions from the previous meeting were either complete or in hand.

8. IPA Update

Mrs Linda Riley provided an update on IPA:

In July 2014 CCGs made three requests in relation to IPA and CHC:

- CCGs to take ownership and chair the IPA Boards.
- Systems to be reviewed and CCGs to be given assurance.
- To jointly look at the alternative models of future care provision.

Following a meeting on 1 November with CCGs, 5 work streams have been identified and 2 representatives from each CCG have been agreed. A formal report from Ian Fletcher will be presented to the Network on 18 December.

The concept of a clinical lead for IPA was further discussed and the specific requirements will be considered by the Network.

9. Minutes from Other Meetings

The draft minutes from the Collaborative Commissioning Board held on 11 November 2014 were noted. AB drew the attention of the meeting to the item 9, Transforming Community Equipment Services, and the resolution made by the CCB:

'The TCES programme has been developed as a Lancashire-wide procurement of services. In addition to the 6 CCGs within the programme, LCC is a key party to the process.

Through the CAG there has been an established agreement with ELCCG to request a variant bid, in addition to the Lancashire-wide bid.

CCB is asked to support a continuation of the procurement process and the inclusion of the EL variant bid.

ELCCG is asked to participate fully in the tender evaluation process and work with all partners to secure the best tender outcome for all CCGs and LCC.'

It was noted that East Lancashire CCG had subsequently agreed this CCB resolution.

On this basis, JL agreed on behalf of GP/C&SR CCGs that the procurement could now progress to PQQ. AB reported that the programme will progress to tender before Christmas.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 IFA and Non-Commissioned Procedures Policies

Dr Ann Bowman advised that individual CCGs have been writing their own policies rather than using Lancashire policies.

The reasons for this needed to be discussed, as the CCG Network had previously agreed on joint policies.

Mrs Jan Ledward advised that a meeting had been organised to discuss this matter but only Chorley and South Ribble and Greater Preston attended this. The risk of not having any policies in place had been identified, and processes were put in place due to the old policies being out of date.

Eleven draft policies written by Karen Slade have been approved, and it was suggested that these are adopted across Lancashire.

It was agreed that a Lancashire approach to policy development is required.

10.2 Stroke Update

Mrs Jan Ledward provided a stroke update:

- Following a request for expressions of interest, two proposals have been received from Blackpool CCG and East Lancashire CCG.
- Both CCGs have advised that the cost to continue with the service will be over £100,000.
- Both CCGs have been asked to justify this cost. East Lancashire has responded, advising that there will be an improvement in quality. Blackpool is yet to respond, but needs to do so by Monday 1 December 2014.
- Rationale will be provided to support the decision when a CCG is chosen to provide the stroke service.
- There are CCGs who have not replied to confirm their agreement to the stroke service specification. These CCGs will be emailed directly by Mrs Ledward.

Action

Mrs Ledward to email CCGs who have not yet confirmed their agreement to the stroke service specification.

10.3 Neurology and Dermatology

Mrs Ledward presented a letter from Salford CCG advising that waiting times for neurology, spinal surgery and dermatology at Salford Royal Foundation Trust are breaching the RTT standards for both admitted and non-admitted. The letter requests that CCGs in Lancashire, Mersey and West Cheshire

support GP practices to consider Preston and Walton Neurology services before electing to refer to SRFT.

Action

Mrs Ledward to prepare a letter to be sent to the specialised commissioning team for advice regarding this matter.

11. Date of Next Meeting – 18 December 2014, 09:00 to 12:30, Meeting Room 1, Floor 1, Preston Business Centre.

Ratified