

Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

Washington Locality Patient Group 10th April 2013, Washington Arts Centre

Meeting Notes

As the first meeting of the Washington Locality Patient Group (LPG) the objective was to provide information regarding CCG progress to date, introduce future development plans and then ask the opinion of patients in the locality if they saw value in a 'LCP' which can influence commissioning plans and decisions from a patient perspective.

The LPG is distinct from the Practice Patient Group (PPG). The former is intended to purely benefit the practice and patients to which the patients are registered. The LPG forms a conduit for public opinion in the locality to be accessible to the CCG.

The meeting reviewed the following topics:

- The work and priorities of the CCG to date
- Seeking views on patient locality groups
- Enhancing links between patients and professionals
- How to pool ideas for health improvements
- How to best represent the interests of the patients

Discussion topics included the following:

- Alternate available venues include: the Community Fire Station and the Millennium Centre (should be selected with respect to cost)
- The LPG should be able to influence the CCG
- A group will have value in sharing good practice and pooling ideas
- Discussion took place regarding the role of the CCG with respect to GP practices. CCG's neither commission nor performance manage individual practices which are private businesses. These are monitored by the NHS England (formerly the National Commissioning Board)
- Patients registered with Barmston Practice are unhappy about some aspects of service. Julie Whitehouse will check the procedure and advise the patients how to address this.

- The next meeting should address the roles of Secretary and Chair
- Also 'who does what' in the CCG
- Further information is required on the health needs of the Washington community. Public Health Colleagues (and perhaps local authority will be invited to a future meeting).
- It was noted the staff / practice locality meetings generally take place the 2nd week of each month (sometimes 3rd), so it would be helpful if the LPG met in the second week as the Lead Locality PM can then take issues to the Locality meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday 16th May, 1.30 – 3.30pm (venue to be confirmed)

N.B. This date was later cancelled – to be re-arranged for May 2013