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| **Minutes of the Patient Group Meeting**  **NHS Blackburn with Darwen**  **Guide Business Centre**  **Attendees:** | | |
| **Patient Members**  Russ McLean  Harri Pickles  Ann Ray  Dee Morley  Norman McColl  Ashraf Karbhari  Shirley Corbally | **GP’s**  Dr Chris Clayton  Dr Mike Ions | |
|  | **Staff Members**  Alison Pettinger | |
| **Apologies/ Minutes & Matters arising** | |  |
| Apologies: Pamela Pickles, Chris Nolan and Aziz Hafiz  The minutes of the last meeting will be deferred for discussion until next meeting. | | |
| **Welcome** | |  |
| PVG Chair Mr Russ Mclean opened the meeting at 9.00 am  From April 2013, responsibility for commissioning health services will have transferred from Primary Care Trusts to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG’s). These plans are set out in the Health and Social Care Bill. The Bill paves the way for GPs and other local clinicians to have a greater influence on how the NHS budget is spent. There will also be a new NHS Commissioning  Board to oversee the process. “Commissioning” is the job of assessing the health needs of the local population, funding health services that meet those needs, and monitoring the quality of those services.   1. Acute (hospital) planned care 2. Children and young people 3. Mental Health Services 4. Unplanned (urgent) care 5. Community Services   Mr Mclean then extended a warm welcome to the Chairs of the shadow CCGs, Dr Chris Clayton(BwD) and Dr Mike Ions (East Lancs)  PVG Members then introduced themselves to our 2 guests.  There are 31 GP Practices, each with representation including,   * Dr Malcolm Ridgway * Dr Alastair Murdoch * Dr Pervez Muzaffar * Dr Zaki Patel * Dr Tom Phillips   With Dr Chris Clayton as Chair of the BwD shadow clinical senate.  The CCG in East Lancashire covers a much wider area and has 5 localities:   * Ribblesdale – represented by Dr Ian Whyte * Pendle – represented by Dr Phil Huxley * Burnley – represented by Dr David White * Hyndburn – represented by Dr Murthy Motupalli * Rossendale – represented by Dr Peter Williams   With Dr Mike Ions as Shadow East Lancashire CCG Chair  Dr Clayton and Dr Ions gave the PVG Members their vision for the CCG’s of BwD and East Lancs.  The CCG will take over from the disbanded PCT and Lancashire Trust from the 1st April 2013.  Dr Clayton and Dr Ions will be Chief Clinical Officers.  5 localities wanted to be CCG, but this was not affordable, so one single board will reside with own steering boards. Each will include a lead clinician, 7 GPs and lay people.  The two CCGs will be working together with Royal Blackburn and Burnley General hospitals working together.  Local GP’s are taking control of budgets with a clear link from decision making to health care. | | |
| **Questions and Answers** | |  |
| Q  “Given that there may be a withdrawal of some services from rural areas – i.e Accrington, Pendle and/or Clitheroe – What provision is there/will there be for patients who cannot afford to travel to the larger centres?”  A  “There is no suggestion that services will be withdrawn, there are plans to Upgrade Clitheroe Hospital and there is recognition to keep the services even though they are underused”  Q  “”Is 111 cost effective given the inappropriate signposting of patients”  A  “There is still a huge amount of work to do around 111 and how to apply it locally is in progress. 111 was launched softly to test and trial and it is still in its pilot period. A governance group across Pennine looks after 111 and information can be fed into this group”  Q  “What will happen to OOH & Urgent Care in this area”  A  The threat of the OOH contract going to Tender last year caused Political Tension. There was strong pressure to look at the contract from outside auditors, the decision to tender was overturned and the contract will run until Dec 2013. Current OOH provider is working with the UCC and A&E and this work is on-going. ELMS have taken part in the Pilot around integrated care and should the service go out to tender, then the current provider is in a strong position.  Q  “ Can you tell us what the yearly budgets will be”  A  “The figures are roughly £260 million for BwD & £560million for East Lancs”  Q  “Will the CCGs continue to employ commissioners”  A  “Yes, but in a different way. There will be fewer members with a local commissioning team”  Q  “Will patients with chronic conditions witness a shift in attitude and be considered a drain on resources”  A  “No! It’s our Business to provide quality of care, there will be no extra funding for pts with long term & chronic conditions, however, there will be no pt compromise” | | |
| The meeting was closed at 10.00 with thanks to the CCG Members. | | |
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| **Date, Time & Venue for next meeting** | |  |
| **Friday 19th October**  **19.00**  **St Ives House**  Cathy Gardner will attend and discuss the proposed Chronic Pain Management Service | | |