

BULLETIN

May 2017

PCS welcomes new Board Chair

Following a selection process we have recently welcomed John Boyington CBE as our new Board Chair. John was one of two highly appointable candidates we shortlisted, and was appointed following successful interview. John formally took up the post from 1st May.

John replaces Dr Julie Endacott, who served as Chair for two and a half years, and made a considerable contribution to the development of PCS in this time. Julie will continue to work for PCS in a clinical leadership capacity, enabling her to balance the demands of her Practice, locality and PCS roles. [Find out more about John on our website.](#)

Dr Andy Hilton, Chief Executive of Primary Care Sheffield, said: "On behalf of the Board I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie for her valued contributions to PCS over the past two and a half years and wish her the very best in this next chapter."

Clinical pharmacists in general practice bid

In March Primary Care Sheffield submitted a bid to NHS England for funding to provide a city wide scheme placing clinical pharmacists in GP practices. There was high support in principle for the bid from practices, with almost 60 interested in signing up to participate. The CCG also gave an in principle commitment to underwrite 30% of the local funding required over the three years.

Our approach builds on the positive lessons learnt from the PMCF pharmacy scheme and is fully supported by community pharmacists and the LPC.

If the bid is successful, participating practices will benefit from additional support with:

- **Medicine reviews for the frail and housebound**
- **Discharge prescription reconciliation from secondary care**
- **Medicine queries from patients in the practice**
- **LTC checks and improving QOFF scores**
- **Prescribing Quality Improvement LCS**

We had originally expected to receive a decision by the end of April; however the formal panel discussions where the bid will be considered are now not set to take place until the end of May. In the interim, PCS are working with the NHS England Area Team to refine the detail and enable us to mobilise quickly should we be successful. We will then engage with practices individually (as we did with the original PMCF EPCC) to confirm sign up.

Evaluation of the Enhanced Primary Care programme

An independent evaluation of the Enhanced Primary Care programme was completed earlier this year by Sheffield Hallam University. Attached with this bulletin ([and available via this link](#)) is a summary of the evaluation findings, as well as information on some of the new developments we are going to be introducing as part of extended access.

Have you joined our Facebook groups yet?

We have recently set up several groups on Facebook to support different areas of work. These groups are private (so posts can only be accessed by members who have been added by the group administrator) making it a secure and convenient way to discuss and share ideas. The groups are aimed at GPs and others who are using CASES and those who are part of the Neighbourhood Learning Network. If you would like to be added to either of these groups, please email andrea.hepden@nhs.net

Latest offer from [PCS Buying Group](#)

Turn any PC into a full-featured ECG system with the Welch Allyn PCR-100. Your practice team will find the Windows based system easy to learn and use whilst it also saves money by increasing utilisation of your existing equipment. Features include a large screen display and programmable report formats that can be printed on a standard A4 printer. Further upgrades are available.

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Remember, the [PCS Buying Group partnership with Dene Healthcare](#) offers a number of benefits to practices including a quarterly cash rebate once spending reaches qualifying levels!

Neighbourhood Learning Network

The next NLN event will take place on Thursday 8 June 1.30-3pm at the DoubleTree Hotel. This will focus on mental health and the linkages to virtual ward. If you would like to attend, please contact katie.schofield2@nhs.net

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