

DONCASTER LINK – MEDICATION GROUP – MEETING SUMMARY

Date:

5 December 2011

Time:

10:00am

Venue:

Doncaster Business Innovation Centre

Attendees:

Rita Holdsworth, Dot Head, Paul Morton, Deirdre Coward, Joan Shacklock, Meurig Pari-Jones, Margaret Marrison, Gwen Campbell, Paul Morton, Joyce Parrott, Dunlop Griffith and Dave Dutton (Host).

Apologies:

None

The following is purely to give the essence of the meeting.

Opening:

- **Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions.** Rita welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Roger Hancock, Head of Pharmacy, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (DBH NHS Foundation Trust).
- **Item 2 – Code of Conduct/Declaration of Interests.** Rita outlined the code of conduct expected of group members and asked if there were any declarations of interest – none were made.
- **Item 3 – Apologies.** No apologies were given.
- **Item 4 – Roger Hancock, Deputy Director of Pharmacy and Medicines Management, DBH NHS Foundation Trust.**
**Presentation of information and discussion relating to:
Mediation provision for patients awaiting discharge from hospital.**

Current Situation

Roger outlined the procedure for medication provision upon discharge from hospital. From the initial decision to discharge and provide medication made by the ward doctor, through to the prescription receipt, review and dispensing process carried out by Pharmacy. There was a lengthy discussion around the complexities

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and problems associated with the process, and Roger gave an insight into procedural issues and work underway to address these. At the end of the discussion the group had a much clearer understanding of the current situation.

Future Planning

Community Pharmacy Out-sourcing. Roger explained that there are plans to outsource prescriptions for outpatients whereby patients will have their prescriptions dispensed by the on-site outpatient pharmacy operated by the Co-op; patients will have an option to have their prescriptions delivered if required. This will result in a more effective service, and importantly, the patient will get a quicker service.

Automation

A £1.1 million project is being introduced by Doncaster Royal Infirmary to automate medicines supply systems – receipt, storage and retrieval – has been approved and will ‘go live’ in May 2012.

This ‘ROBOT’ system will be time saving and cost effective – the current manual process can dispense within 3 hours whereas the new system cuts the process time down to 1 ½ hours.

Rita thanked Roger for providing the group with a very informative and worthwhile presentation and discussion.

- **Item 5 – Notes form 15th November 2011 Meeting.** The notes were agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from Notes

Item 5 – Alaina Challans has been contacted and has responded regarding providing up to date statistics in relation to medication issued to patients upon discharge from hospital. Alaina will attend the next meeting on 30th January 2012 to present a report detailing current information.

Sarah Stovin has been contacted requesting details of the current situation with regard to taxis being used to deliver medication to patients. Sarah has informed the Host she has posted her response (not as yet received).

Item 6 – As agreed at the last meeting, Joyce Parrott distributed a report relating to the Local Pharmaceutical Committee meeting which she attended on 14th November 2011 on behalf of the LINK.

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- **Item 6 – Work Plan.** The Host agreed to update the work plan with the following actions included.

Action: Invite Alaina Challans to next meeting on 30th January 2012.

Group members to forward comments/items for inclusion in the final report.

- **Item 7 – Any Other Business.** No other business was discussed.
- **Item 8 – Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on 30th January 2012, Doncaster Business Innovation Centre at 1pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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